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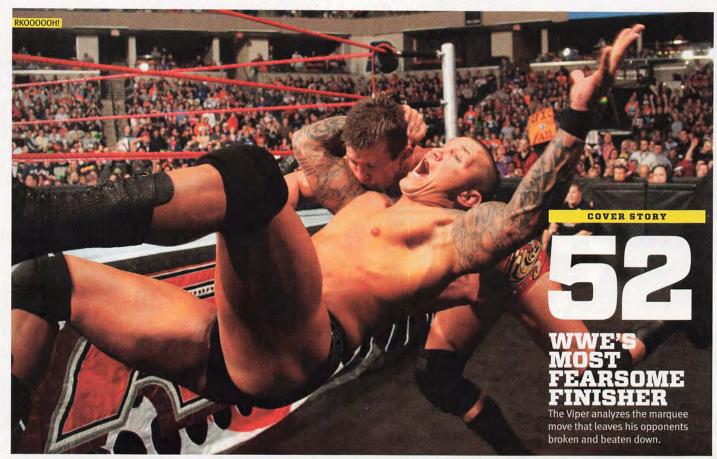
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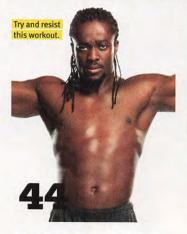




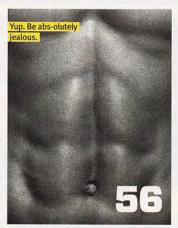
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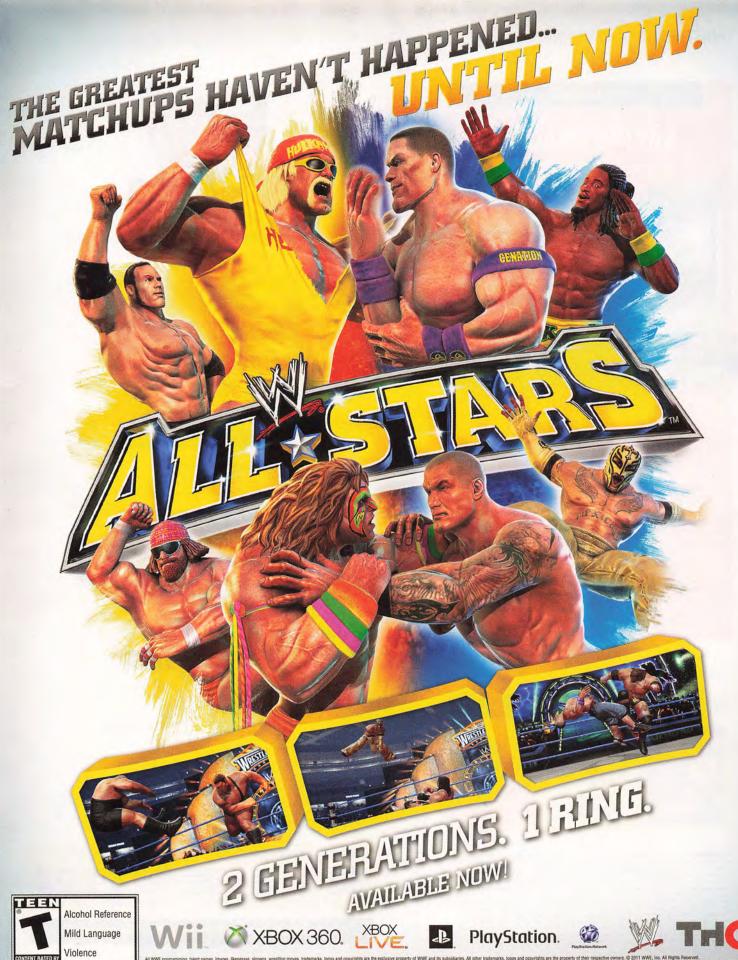
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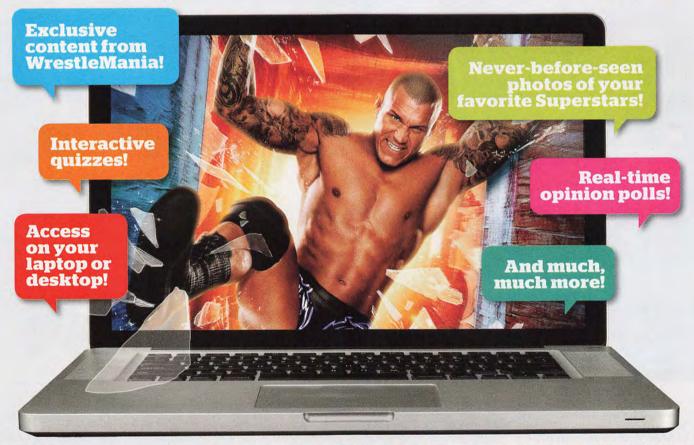




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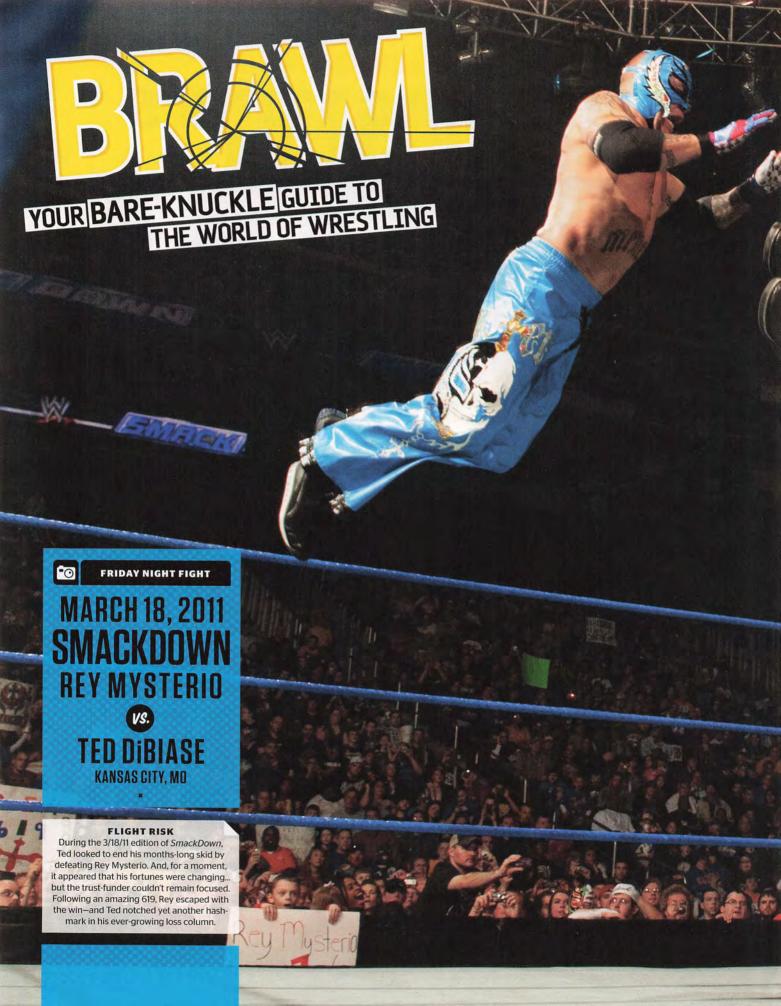
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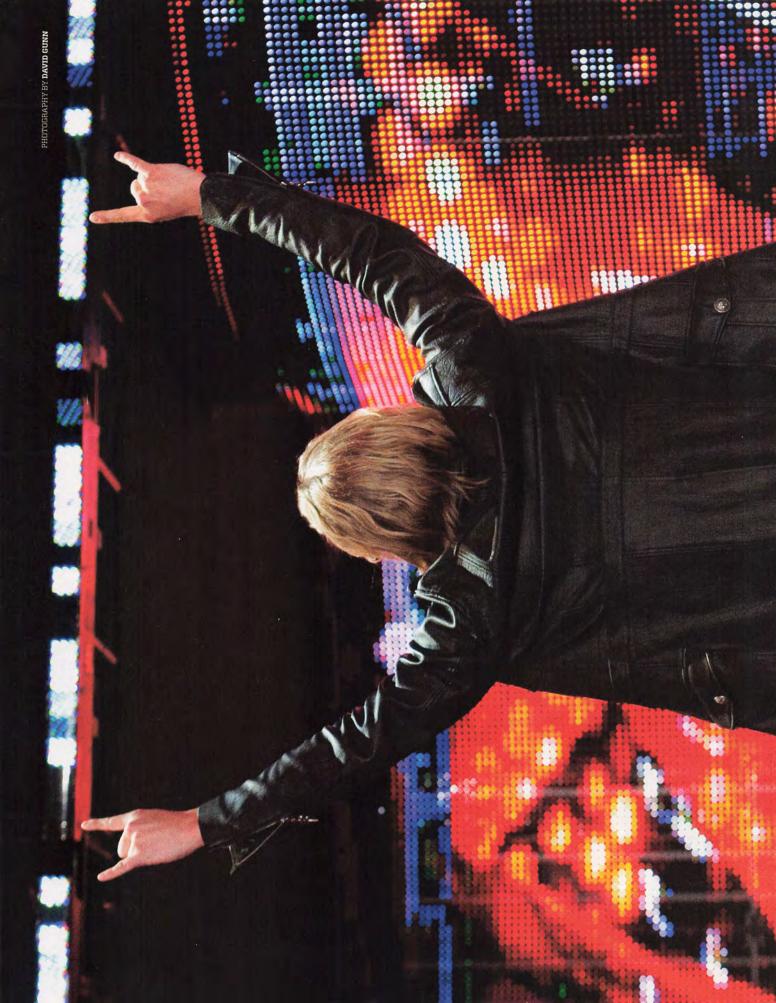


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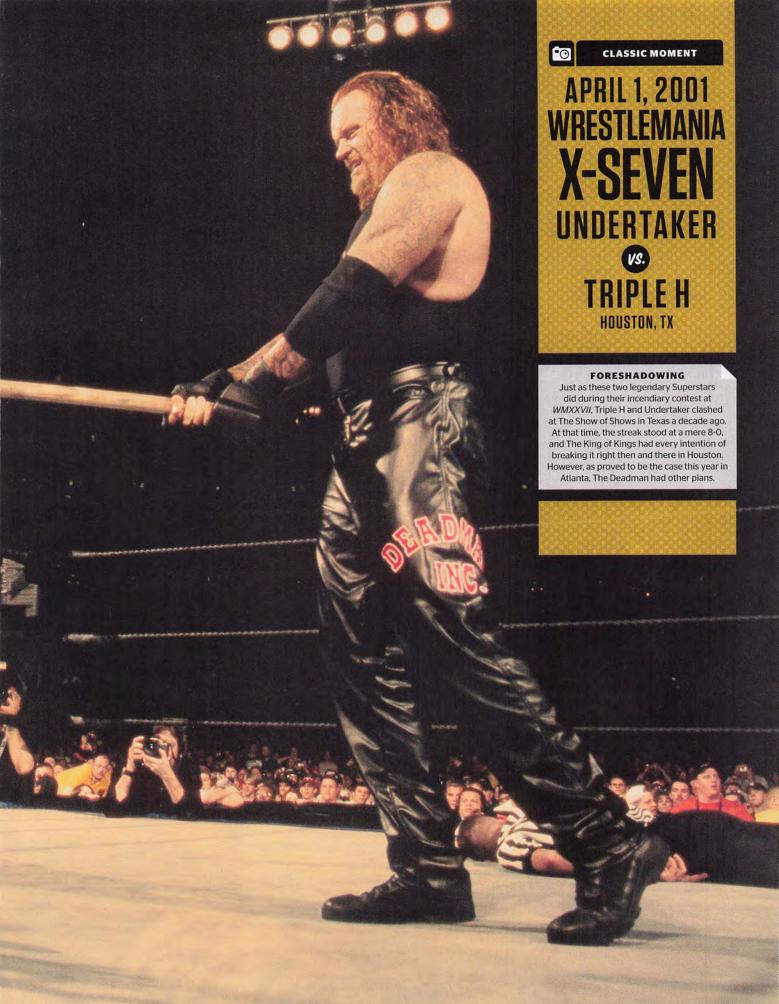








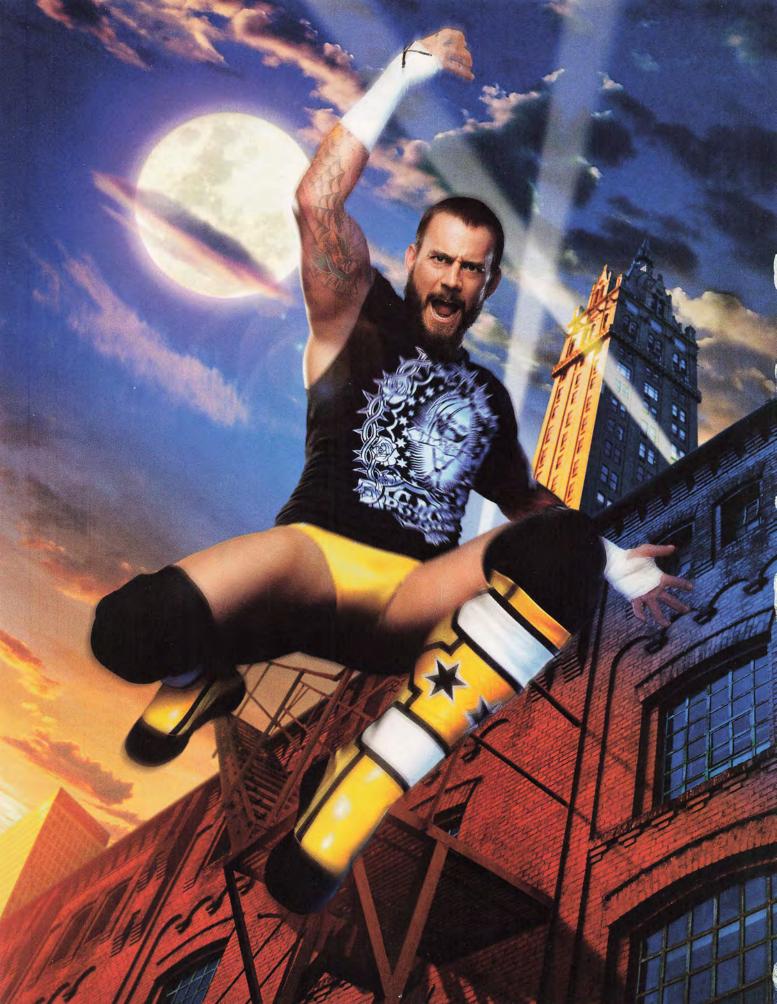






perspective, The Second City Saint would have to wrestle this bout 56 times to equal the hours he spent in the tattoo artist's chair! Decibels of the loudest scream on record, produced by fans of the Chinese rap duo FAMA at the Hong Kong International Trade and Exhibition Centre. We're sure WrestleMania XXVIII will break it! Variations of The Nexus that have appeared in WWE since the group's arrival on the 6/7/10 edition of Raw. Coincidentally, The Apex Predator has also punted four members of The Nexus in the head. Must be their lucky number!

# Days between *Unforgiven 2008* and *WMXXVII*. Three years ago, Orton punted CM Punk in the head during a backstage interview, igniting their heated rivalry. Your chances of drawing four aces in a standard game of Five Card Stud—meaning you're more likely to be struck by lightning in your lifetime than you are to drop quad A's. PHOTOGRAPHY BY CRAIG MELVIN



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"Shucky ducky, quack quack!"

→ BOOKER T, commenting on Kaitlyn's breathtaking beauty during her ring entrance. SmackDown, 3/11/11

# "Ain't that a kick in the head?"

→ CM PUNK, to Randy Orton, after stomping The Viper outside his tour bus. Raw, 3/21/11

You may not know this...but I senous anger management

→ RANDY ORTON, introducing his darker side to backstage reporter Scott Stanford during the lead-up to his 'Mania match against CM Punk. Raw, 3/28/11

"This night, *WrestleMania*, Atlanta, the Georgia Dome, is bigger than Christmas. So no offense, Santa, because The Rock is bringing it all over Atlanta!"

→ THE ROCK, proclaiming the spectacle that is The Show of Shows. WrestleMania XXVII, 4/3/11

What is it, Steve? You want to hold my WWE Championship, too?"

→ THE MIZ, taunting Stone Cold, while gloating about his WrestleMania victory. Raw, 4/4/11

"You'll be back. And when you're back, I'll be waiting."

→ TRIPLE H, addressing an eerily absent Undertaker following their WrestleMania match. Raw, 4/4/11

Early odds that sports betting site bodog.com gave Michael Cole to win his WMXXVII match against Jerry "The King" Lawler. Did they mean to say 800-1?

Royal Rumble winners since 2001 who have failed to win the World Heavyweight or WWE Championship at WrestleMania. Alberto Del Rio joins Edge, Randy Orton and John Cena in holding this dubious honor.

Average cost of a front-row ticket to WrestleMania XXVII. Worth every penny!

Time (in minutes and seconds) that Triple H withstood 'Taker's Hell's Gate submission before tapping out at 'Mania XXVII.

# WWE SIGHTING!

→ ESPN cameras caught this image of legendary L.A. Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully on opening day. Behind him was a signed portrait of Honky Tonk Man. The longest-tenured radio man in sports featured with WWE's longest-reigning I-C Champion? Go figure.







# Jerk Of The Month

Every 30 days, we interrogate Superstars about their crimes against humanity. The accused: **Sheamus**.

# \* The Charge

# THREAT AND MENACE

After losing to Mark Henry during the 2/21/11 edition of *Raw*, you confronted Daniel Bryan and Gail Kim in a rage. Infuriated that Bryan was allegedly laughing at you, you threatened to tear off his head as Kim looked on.

# \* The Defense

"I was in the right! I was on one of the biggest losing streaks of my career, and he was having a laugh at my expense. I don't take too kindly to people laughing at me. I had every reason to put him in his place, which I did again just a few weeks later."

# \* The Charge DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

During the 2/28/11 installment of *Raw*, as Triple H announced his intention to wrestle Undertaker at *WrestleMania*, you attempted to disrupt the proceedings, and caused a fracas that left the announce table in ruins.

# \* The Defense

"Are you looking to get Celtic Crossed? You have no right to bring up this incident, and I won't discuss what happened with you or anyone else. It was a moment that happened the way it happened, right or wrong, and I'll let the WWE Universe decide who was at fault that night!"

# \* The Charge IMPERSONATING A ROYAL

For months, you attempted to con the WWE Universe into believing you were an actual king, parading around the ring and making loud, obnoxious pronouncements. Let's be honest, though: You were less a king and more of a bully wearing a silly crown.

# \* The Defense

"Make no mistake—I was a king. The members of the WWE Universe never respected me, nor did they give me the admiration I deserve. But that doesn't really surprise me. It's why I

renounced my throne, in fact. I was a king with his hands tied.

But that's no longer the case; I'm on my way back up to the top now, and soon, I'll be more than a king—I'll be WWE Champion. And you all will have no choice but to respect me."

VERDICT

# BOOK HIM!

This redheaded usurper of the WWE throne is a royal jerk.

# Inside Del Rio's Rides we managed to sneak into the Mexican millionaire's garage and spend some quality time with his most luxurious vehicles. What, no Pontiac Aztek?





# Lamborghini Gallardo

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# 1966 Ford Shelby Cobra

Engine: 4.7L, V8 Transmission: 3-speed auto, 4-speed manual Power: 410hp 0-60: 4.2 seconds Top Speed: 165mph Price: \$85,000



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Transmission: 5-speed manual Power: 722hp 0-60: 3.5 seconds Top Speed:

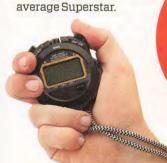
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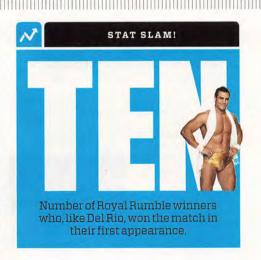
SPENT GETTING PINNED



1962 Bentley S2 Engine: 6.2L, V8 Transmission: 4-speed automatic Power: 200hp Top Speed: 113mph Price: \$225,000

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# WWE's Hardest-Hitting Vehicular Accidents!

This assortment of the most brutal transportation transgressions in WWE history is guaranteed to raise our premiums—and half of them were caused by Stone Cold!



# **DX Takes The Wheels!** Raw, 8/21/06

The war between DX and the McMahons took to the roadways when HBK and Triple H boobytrapped Mr. McMahon's personal limousine, causing the rear axle to detach as The Chairman was chauffeured away from Raw.



# Austin Totals Triple H! Survivor Series, 11/19/00

Among the vehicles destroyed by Stone Cold during The Attitude Era was Triple H's car, which was lifted 20 feet into the air and dropped to the floor-with The Game in the driver's seat!



# SmackDown, 3/29/01

sought to cerebrally assassinate The Deadman by trashing his chopper with a sledgehammer. Ten years later, 'Taker was still angry.



# Look Both Ways, Stone Cold! Survivor Series, 11/14/99

Excitement brewed for months as speculation grew regarding the identity of the mystery wheelman responsible for sidelining Stone Cold Steve Austin from the WWE Championship Match at 1999's Survivor Series. In an underwhelming reveal, the perpetrator turned out to be...Rikishi.



# The Game Buries The Bike!

Just before WrestleMania X-Seven, Triple H



# Monster Truck Mayhem! Raw, 4/19/99

As The Rock threatened to "bury" Stone Cold in a ringside grave before their bout at Backlash, The Bionic Redneck burst onto the scene in his one-of-a-kind Austin 3:16 monster truck, and crushed The Rock's custom Lincoln Continental flatter than a Kid 'N Play haircut.

# WWE Tease-Shirts Take a look at the Superstars we'd love to see immortalized on cotton canvas. Sorry, no matter how much you might want them, they're not available. Yet.









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# MY MOST UNDERRATED MATCHES

Superstars reveal the lesser-known bouts they hold in high esteem. This month: Natalya.



with Beth Phoenix vs. Lay-Cool WWE TLC: Tables Ladders & Chairs, 12/19/10 "All of us showed different



The Hart Dynasty vs. ShowMiz Raw, 4/26/10





vs. Lay-Cool



# GREATEST UPSETS IN WWE HISTORY

We illuminate those rare moments when little Superstars win big victories.

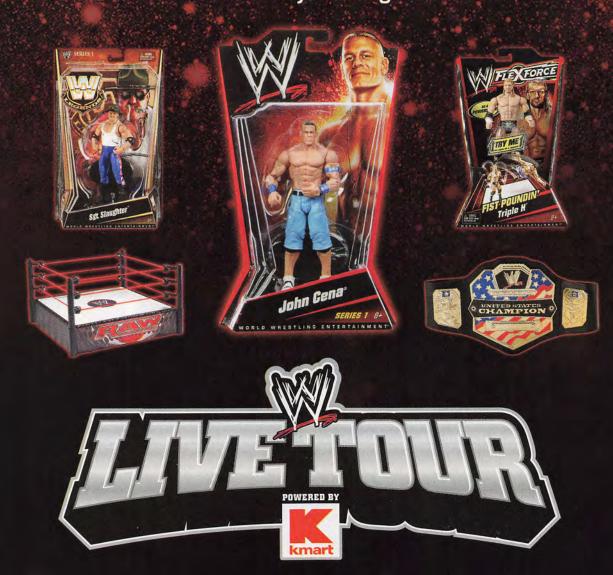
During the 3/29/04 edition of Raw, Shelton Benjamin and a number of former SmackDown Superstars made their debuts following the post-WrestleMania Draft. The main event saw Benjamin take on Triple H in a match that The Game couldn't have taken

more lightly. Benjamin seized the moment and hit Triple H with a corner splash, rolling him up for the upset win! The crowd was ecstatic. Triple H was shocked.



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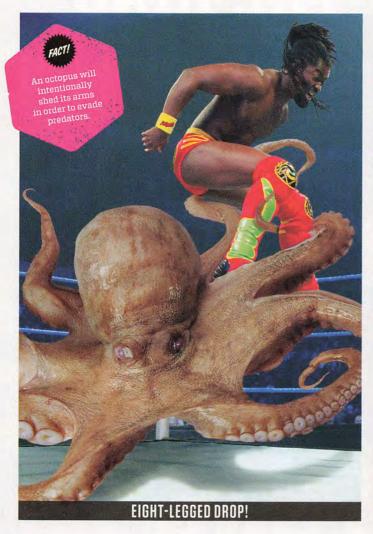
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# BIG MISTAKE

# **GAG REEL**

# JULY 21, 1996

main event, the raucous WWE Universe went wild. So wild, in fact, that they col-



On his way to the ring, HBK stops the show to greet some loyal admirers.



Unfortunately, their zeal is too much for the barriers to hold back!



Shawn's attention goes from the match to his adoring public.



Hair Clipper
"I'm sure you've seen a few of
the amazing designs shaved
into my hair. Believe it or not, sometimes I cut my own hair."



"I'm usually mentioned in all kinds of publications; I like to see pictures of myself. I also read the Harvard Business Review, and always make sure I have it with me."



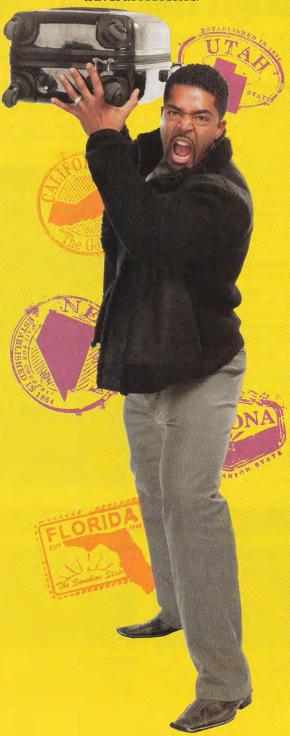
"What do you think the 'D' stands for? 'Devastating'? It stands for my first name, of course. But let's just say this belt doesn't quite go with my breakaway jeans."



"I work out in my Harvard Law T-shirt so that I don't forget where I came from. You know President Obama went there, too, right?"

# What's In Your Travel Bag?

**David Otunga** opens his carry-on and reveals a few A-list travel accessories.





# Cologne

"When you travel, you've got to smell good. The cologne I wear depends on my mood. I wear Bleu de Chanel when I'm more relaxed."



## Pad

"I play games, listen to music, surf the Internet, and watch movies on this. It's so convenient. I also have the iPhone 4. I think I actually have four iPhones at this point."



# Sunglasses

"I like Prada sunglasses, but I also have this pair from Sun Blaze. They won't be available to people like you for another year or two, but I own a pair already."



"I love mustard, and I have to have some with me wherever I go. Grey Poupon exudes such class: "But of course!" BRAWL









# Tough Talk With Bill DeMott

The angry bull of **Tough Enough** takes time away from the hit series to talk about training newbs, doling out nicknames, and getting smashed in the face with a VCR.

# After a seven-year sabbatical, why does the world need Tough Enough again?

I think Tough Enough was truly ahead of its time. Now, with WWE NXT, The Nexus and The Corre, it seems WWE is always on the lookout for that next great Superstar, And with reality TV being what it is today, what better time to bring it back? Plus, it's a great excuse to get guys like me out of the woodwork and shock the WWE Universe!

# Your training style is, in a word, intense. Care to explain?

It's just my way of motivating our contestants. I love this business. I have the utmost respect for it, and for anyone who wants to get into it. I think the hardest part of anyone's journey should be through Bill DeMott, About 23 current WWE Superstars came through me, and they all say it was the hardest thing they've ever done.

# What's with the nicknames you've been dealing out to the contestants all season?

I'm terrible with names, so it's how I remember everyone. Even my kids

have nicknames! But-and this is true for all my students-I nickname them based on what I see, and then, when they do what they set out to do. I learn their real names. That comes across during the course of the series.

# SURVIVORS

These WWE Superstars their dues with the hardest trainer in the business.



The Miz Titles Held: 8



Michelle McCool Titles Held: 4



John Morrison Titles Held: 9

# What would you say surprised you most about this current crop of would-be Superstars?

As a wrestling purist, I was fascinated by the lack of knowledge. They told me they all had experience, and then they showed up for the first couple of workouts in sneakers, I literally blew my top.

# We saw on the first episode of the new Tough Enough that you have fake teeth. Can we ask you how that happened?

There were these two guys, The Gymini, and I told them that sometimes you just have to grab an opportunity when it's put in front of you. So, we were at a television taping in developmental and I was doing commentary that night. Things got heated outside the ring and one of them grabbed the closest thing at hand, which happened to be a VCR. Now, I'm talking about one of those old-school VCRs that weighed 95 pounds, and I got bashed across the face with it. The thing literally exploded into a hundred pieces and sparks flew out because it was still plugged in. So, they learned my lesson, but it cost me my teeth!



# THE TOP THREE

# **BILL'S BEST** BATTLES

Believe it when we say Bill DeMott is just as formidable a WWE Superstar as he is a trainer, if not more so. Here are just a few of our favorite moments from his impressive in-ring past.



Nitro, 9/22/97

\* Fact: DeMott was the first person ever to battle (and lose to) Bill Goldberg in WCW. If they faced off today, who'd win?



SmackDown, 12/5/02

# In a match that was more like a slaughter, DeMott mowed down Funaki, finishing him with a perfectly executed moonsault.



SmackDown, 1/16/03

\* Even though Rikishi had 70 pounds on DeMott, the Tough Enough trainer still managed to topple him with ease.



# SHAWN MICHAELS vs. BRET HART vs. BIG BOSS MAN vs. TED DIBIASE vs. RICK MARTEL vs. WR. PERFECT

We return to the summer of '91 and wonder what would've happened had WWE debuted its MITB Ladder Match with these six "up-and-coming" Superstars!

# SHAWN MICHAELS

At this point, HBK's working his way up the tag-team ranks as one-half of The Rockers, but he's coming off a solid *WM* bout against The Barbarian & Haku. His speed and aerial attacks will help him against these skilled grapplers and big men.

## BRET HART

Months after striking out on his own, The Hitman is now looking to make a name for himself in singles competition. He's also the only man in this bout with Ladder Match experience, courtesy of Stampede Wrestling, which gives him an edge.

# BIG BOSS MAN

At more than six-feet-tall and 300-plus pounds, Boss Man is not easily knocked off his feet. But he's as hungry for a win as he is to take revenge on Mr. Perfect. Can he stay focused and win the contract, or will emotions get the better of him?

# THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN

Ted's millions buy him a lot, but haven't yet scored him a World Title—not for lack of trying. But with a stip sporting the name "Money In The Bank," and this much at stake, you know DiBiase will crave the win more than any other competitor.

# RICK "THE MODEL" MARTEL

The Model is the wild card here. Like DiBiase, Martel's one of the bout's two ring vets and, like his Millionaire foil, singles success has, at this point, eluded him. But don't let the model face fool you: Martel can mat

# MR. PERFECT

Mr. Perfect is the clear favorite in this bout. The reigning I-C Champ's into his second title run, and is (arguably) the best all-around athlete in the fray. But talent draws notice, so look for Hennig's opponents to take him out of this match early on.

# FINAL ANALYSIS

HBK has yet to display his full range of skills—but he will here. Look for the neon blur to dart around the ring, frustrating foes with his mix of ring styles. At match's end, he'll stand atop the ladder with the MITB contract in hand

**WINNER SHAWN MICHAELS** 



# CONTEST

# GUESS THE MATCH

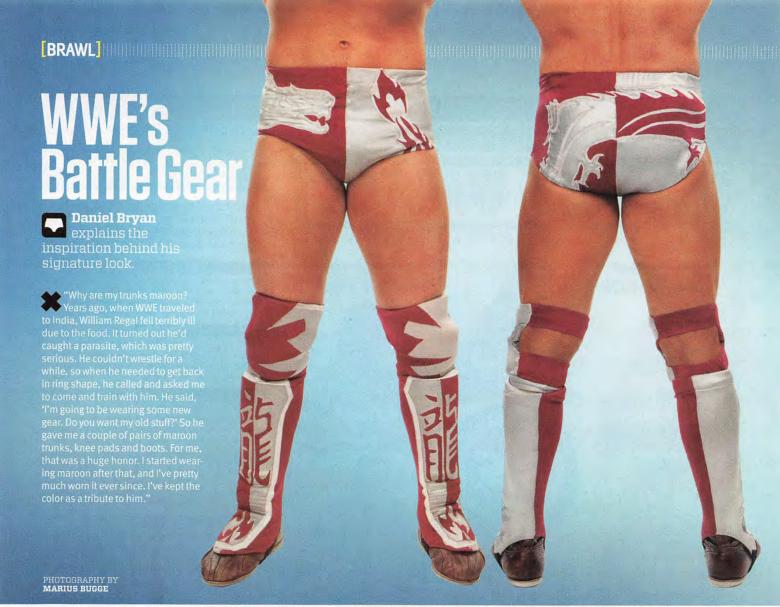
These former pals and tag champs battled in this Ladder Match for not only the I-C Title, but also bragging rights. Think you know the names of the Superstars and the date of the bout? Enter now to win a set of Mattel action figures from the WrestleMania Legends series. Visit page 76 or WWW.WWE.COM/MAGAZINE

for contest rules and submission details!



# APRIL/MAY'S MATCH

Evan Bourne vs. Chris Jericho WWE Fatal 4-Way, 6/20/10





WE HEAR YOU!

# THE BIGGEST CROWD REACTIONS OF ALL TIME!

The Rock's return to Raw produced a roar from the rafters that nearly burst our eardrums. Here are some other moments that strained the vocal cords of the WWE Universe.



\* Hulkamania Runs Wild Again WrestleMania 21, 4/3/05 As Muhammad Hassan and Daivari tried to hijack The Show of Shows with their rhetoric, the chords of "Real American" struck, and The Hulkster strode out-and cleaned house. Seeing Hogan back in the yellow and red, the crowd approved.

Cheer Meter: 7.5



" Diesel Returns Royal Rumble, 1/30/11 It had been 15 years since Big Daddy Cool strutted his stuff in the ring, but at last, Diesel was back-and the WWE Universe in Boston signaled its excitement. We guarantee that the Sox on their best day at Fenway never heard such an ovation.

Cheer Meter: 8.6



The Game Is Back On Raw, 1/7/02

When Triple H finally returned to WWE after eight months off to rehab a quad tear, it was to a tremendous reception worthy of Madison Square Garden. The Game was back-and 15,000 people were ready to play.

Cheer Meter: 8.8

Oh No You Ditn't!

At WWE Magazine, we sometimes revisit infamous looks. This month: **The Maestro**.

Indulge us, if you will, in a little experiment. Quickly scroll through your iTunes's tracks and count how many pieces of classical music you own. Back already? That's what we figured. Why, then, did WCW think that a guy with the persona of a classically trained conductor would ever resonate with viewers? By that rationale, we're surprised WCW didn't debut "The Haberdasher."

Baton

The Maestro would come out to the ring conducting his own entrance music, an ersatz piano concerto that sounded like a badger running up and down the ivories. That alone would be annoying enough, but the fact that he couldn't even do it in time to the music just made the whole spectacle especially repellent.

Ninth" warns that composers who dare to write more than 9 symphonies will fac early deaths

Wig

Edgar Winter and the kid who plays Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter movies: Those are dudes who can get away with a platinum-blond hairdo. The Maestro's piece, on the other hand, just makes him look like a dinner-theater actor portraying one of the Founding Fathers.

Jacket

We assume it was intended to look rakish and dapper, but this spangly monstrosity instead made The Maestro look like a member of the world's most expensive wait staff. Good evening, garçon, we'll have the steamed embarrassment with a side order of regret, s'il vous plaît.

Cape

OK, let's get this straight right now: Contrary to what you might have heard or read, wearing a cape does not immediately qualify a Superstar for inclusion in this column. Wearing what looks like an ultra-BeDazzled shower curtain, however? Welcome to "Oh No You Ditn't," my friend...

Valet

Here's the only smart decision
The Maestro did make: By strolling
out to the ring with a beauty (by '90s
standards, at least), some of the focus
was taken off of his hideousness. But
nevertheless, you can see the desperation in her eyes. She's thinking,
"How can I ditch this dud and get with
the KISS Demon?"



The British Bulldog Makes England Proud

SummerSlam, 8/29/92 In '92, SummerSlam concluded with a main event that pitted Bret Hart against The British Bulldog for the I-C Title. When The Bulldog won, fans screamed themselves hoarse. Rule Britannia!

Cheer Meter: 9.2



\* Montréal Has Its Heart Broken Raw. 8/15/05

When HBK came out to taunt Montréal over screwing Bret Hart, The Hitman's music suddenly sounded. It turned out to be a tease from Shawn Michaels, but even though Bret wasn't actually there, we're sure he heard the cheers.

Cheer Meter: 9.8

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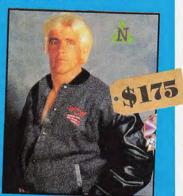
MONEY MATTERS

# IT COST WHAT?

While idly leafing through back issues of WWE Magazine, we stumbled upon this piece of pricey merchandise.

# WCW MAGAZINE APRIL 1998

In the April 1998 issue of WCW Mag, the merch catalog offered a glut of Nitro-related swag, but none as sweet as this WCW Varsity Jacket. A heady combo of leather and nylon, the coat was emblazoned with the WCW logo, informing passersby that the promotion was, "Where the big boys play." They should have changed that to reach, "Where the big boys pay," because this cheap-looking dud cost \$175, or \$237.60 when adjusted for inflation!





cheek-bony, chinny and a little bit foreheady. I think more than that, though, it's the eyes. Everything humans do, we convey with our eyes. You can have a completely straight face, but if your eyes are doing something else, they give away what you're truly feeling.

# By looking into your eyes, we can see that Edge is on the edge. Have you ever lost your sanity in this business?

There were times when I mentally dropped out, when I was either tired or there were things going on in my personal life and I was trying to maintain too much at once. There were times when I felt that whenever anyone wanted to talk to me, it was only because they wanted something from me. I've said this many times-this is an amazing gig, this is exactly everything I ever wanted to do, but with more success comes more responsibility. It forces you to re-focus. There were times when I just needed to take a break. Once, I drove from Calgary to San Diego. Another time I hiked in the Rockies. And it worked. I've realized that you can't please everyone. It takes effort, but I look for other things to do with my life. For example, I discovered this dog that had been left in a shack. Its hind legs had been gnawed off by rats, yet it somehow survived. So I got it prosthetic back-legs and took video of him taking his first steps. Being able to afford that is a cool position to be in.

You are the only Superstar to win the King Of The Ring tournament, the Royal Rumble, and a Money In The Bank Ladder Match. You've also main-

I wish the European Championship were still around. That way I could have thrown that title on the résumé, too. I am a collector. But now, more than anything for me, it's about trying to help the next generation, kind of in the same way the last generation helped me. I'll give advice to anyone: Sheamus, John Morrison, Drew McIntyre or Dolph Ziggler.

# You're taking an interest in WWE's younger talent, but you failed to mention your one-time protégé, Zack Ryder. Have you seen his Web series, "Z! True Long Island Story"?

No, I have not. As I've fully admitted in the past, I'm not an Internet guy, I would like to take the time now to say that I don't have a Facebook page. My mom is very bothered by the world of Facebook and people claiming to be me online. I don't get too worked up about it, but it really gets Christian hot on Twitter. He calls out people who say they're Edge. But back to Zack-I think he's a very underutilized Superstar on the roster, and I feel the same about Curt Hawkins, too. I'd like to showcase what they can do and remind everyone who may have forgotten about them.

# What piece of WWE memorabilia do you have at home that you probably shouldn't own?

I see your point-if I give it away, they might ask for it back, huh?! Well, there are a few things, and we'll leave it at that. [Laughs.] I don't have the actual Rated-R title; I have the replica one that anyone can buy. Another thing that I wish I still had is the King Of The Ring trophy

thrown into my mid-section by Christian, but it was never actually destroyed.

# Now there's a great pairing that we've missed—Edge and Christian...

The chemistry was always there between him and me. When we tagged, we always had this deal in which the guy in the ring would reach out and the guy on the apron would tag him. There wouldn't be any fumbling, or two extremely white guys trying to high-five their way into the ring. The first time I reached out and his hand was right there, we were off and running.

# Is it satisfying to know that the Spear will be forever known as your move?

I guess so. I never ever really pictured it being my finisher until it actually happened and people started reacting. I remember it was Gangrel who said, "Hey, why don't you go and tackle him like that Goldberg guy does?" And I said, "Alright, sure." It got a great reaction, and I thought, "Huh? I guess I'll keep implementing it." Right now, it's taken on a life of its own. It's not Sweet Chin Music, but it's the same idea. Then there's the hair-pull. I have kids coming up and doing it. Actually, it's kind of disturbing to see kids doing it.

# What's the last thing that made you want to pull out own hair out?

I always get lost with professional drivers who don't own a GPS. Your job is to drive someone from Point A to Point B, so why not use a device that tells you exactly how to get to Point B? There's my pet peeve for the day. [Christian walks by and nods at Edge.] Other than that, Christian really annoys me. 🧶

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Superstars throughout WWE sport some truly sweet tats. And each tattoo tells a story. This month, SmackDown's Rey Mysterio reveals the many inspirations that gave rise to his colorful body art.



was 21 years old. I liked how,

through ink, I could express

insight into who I am."

myself. It gives my fans a little

FACTS AND FIGURES

happens, I know that won't change."

# WWE TAT STATS

Who's inked, who's not?



TWEET OF THE Every month, we bring you the greatest the Twitterverse has to offer: MarysØuellet: RT @EllisMarkman I got detention for looking at @MaryseØuellet's profile pic during class

death. It's a skull wearing my

believe in the power of prayer

and in praying, even in death."

mask, praying the rosary. I

in-law passed. The 'C' above

name, 'Contreras.' I also have

the date stands for his last

Eddie's cross on that arm."

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#### THE FATAL FOUR





Where Superstars succumb to our most random questions.

THE

"PC, only because I don't have a Mac yet."



VICKIE GUERRERO

"Mac. I'm hooked on all Apple products. I love my iPad!"



0 "Chico's Tacos. It's

an El Paso thing.

I've only gone once

in the past six

months!

CHRIS MASTERS

"I've got to go with PC. Macs confuse me."



"In-N-Out Burger, I go

with the 4x4, protein

style-no onions,

no tomatoes."

DANIEL BRYAN

"Definitely Mac. They last longer, they don't have viruses, and they're more secure."



"The Taco Bell Fresco Bean Burrito. When I'm starving, that's what I go for."



"I'm actually going

to pick a TV show.

When I was a child,

I thought Full House

was the greatest. I

watched it back in

2006 and it was wretched!"

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I Can't

That

Doesn't

Hold Up?

Then Stuck

In Traffic,

"I always like In-N-Out Burger. Doubledouble animal style."



"Listen to Howard

Stern on satellite

radio. I can't drive

on the road without

listening to Howard.'







"Listen to Tupac. Auxiliary cable and iPod, we go gangsta.'



"The Other Guys. It was a little funny the first time, but



"Sing to myself. If a song like Rihanna's 'Umbrella' gets stuck in my head, I'll sing it all day."



"People-watch, I love to see who's around me. I've seen people picking their nose, fighting on the phone, all kinds of stuff."



WISH LIST

## BRING 'EM BACK!

As much as we worship the



#### The SmackDown Fist

set was revamped, it featured a mas-sive fist smashing its way through giant face-puncher is sitting idle inside a CT-based warehouse.



#### **Ring Carts**

these miniature means of transportation whisked Superstars to the ring



#### **Cruiserweight Division**

A fusion of wrestling match and stunt show, a Cruiserweight bout never notches. We've been pining for a

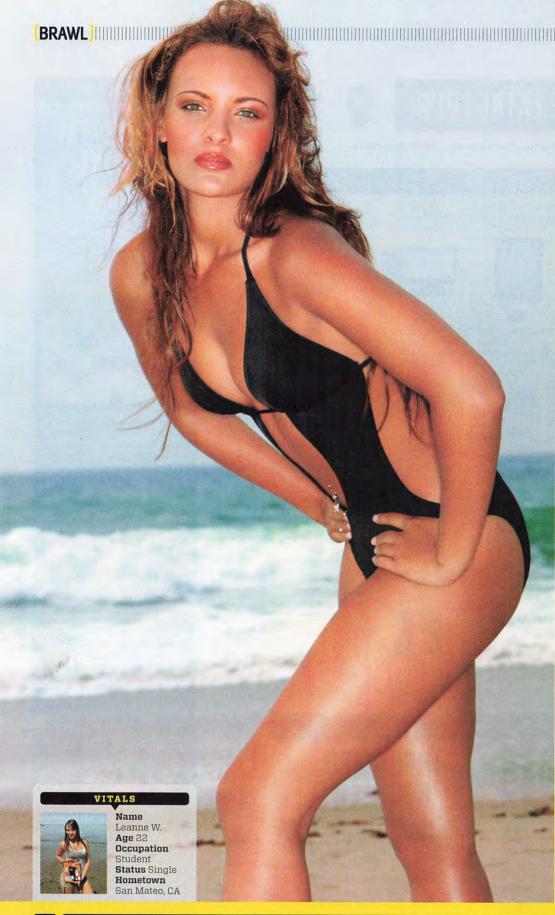
STICKS AND STONES



## INFORMED HECKLER

Stuck for an epithet to yell at your most hated Superstar? Avoid the clichés and hit'em with some cold, hard facts!

"QUOTE US ON THIS, MICHAEL COLE! A STUDY FROM ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY REVEALED THAT 72 PERCENT OF ENVIOUS EMPLOYEES WILL CREATE CONFLICT AT WORK AND TRY AND TURN OTHER CO-WORKERS AGAINST THEIR ENEMY. SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE DOESN'T LIKE LIV-ING IN THE KING'S SHADOW...SHOULD WE CALL HR?"



## Sexy MANNE Superfan

Join us on our search for the hottest fan in the WWE Universe.

**₩WE OTL** EDITION!

Leanne takes on 10 questions tied into the May pay-per-view. Is she championship material? Find out!

- 1. At 2010's WWE Over The Limit, what type of bout did John Cena and Batista contest?

  "An 'I Quit' Match."
- 2. What fate did CM Punk suffer at 2010's WWE Over The Limit?
  "His head was shaved."
- 3. True or False? Kofi defeated Dolph Ziggler that night. "False. He faced Drew McIntyre."
- 4. Name the foreign object Jack Swagger wielded against Big Show during their match. "World Heavyweight Title."
- 5. What was the theme song for WWE Over The Limit?
  "'Crash' by Fit For Rivals."
- 6. Who battled The Miz and Chris Jericho for the tag titles?
  "The Hart Dynasty."
- 7. True or False? Eve retained the Divas Title against Maryse.
- 8. During his match against Punk, who came to Rey's aid?

  "Kane."
- 9. How did Randy Orton and Edge's WWE OTL match end? "Double Countout."
- 10. The day after WWE Over The

Limit, who became Raw GM?

"Teddy Long." [Sorry, it was Bret Hart.]

#### 9 OUT OF 10!

"Wow, 90 percent! That's an A!
But I knew all along I'd get a good
score." Not too modest, Leanne, but
otherwise, you have all the qualities
of a bona-fide...

SUPERFAN!

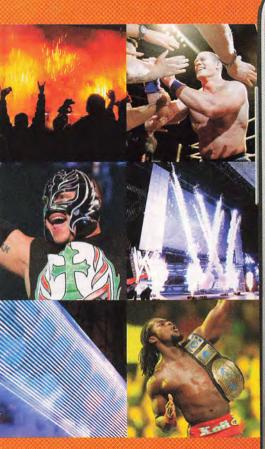


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#### **Destiny Calling**

Dear WWE Magazine, I have some suggestions for naming Alberto Del Rio's finisher, Since he's always talking about his "destiny," why not call it something like. "The Road to Destiny"?

Dolores Y., Red Lake, MN

"The Road to Destiny" sounds like the sequel to the 1995 bore-fest Destiny Turns on the Radio. We think Del Rio should go with something more menacing. Maybe "The Destinator"?

#### **Fantasy Foul**

Dear WWE Magazine, Hey, Editors-I have a bone to pick with you. One of my favorite sections in your magazine is "Fantasy Warfare," but I've noticed a disturbing trend: You always pick the current Superstar over the Legend to win! For example, in your March issue, John Morrison beat Ricky Steamboat, In February, Sheamus defeated The Ultimate Warrior; in January, Dolph Ziggler bested Roddy Piper. And in December, Christian defeated Shawn Michaels! Explain yourselves, please!

Aaron H., Lincoln, NE

Oh, ye of little faith! We didn't look very hard, but we were able to uncover a few instances that disprove your hypothesis. First, in the May 2010 issue, we picked Ricky Steamboat over Rey Mysterio; and in the June 2010 issue, we picked The Million Dollar Man to win a Family Fatal Four Way against his son, Ted DiBiase, and Dusty and Cody Rhodes. So there!

#### Bellas Of The Ball

#### Dear WWE Magazine.

I loved the photo in the March issue featuring The Bellas playing basketball. But do The Bellas really have any b-ball skills? How about the other Divas?

#### Christian S., East Hartford, CT

The Bellas don't ball, but they are certainly ballin'. However, WWE Diva Tamina, when not flirting with Santino, has been known to hit the court. In fact, she played basketball in college. Do NOT cross her, or she will cross you up!

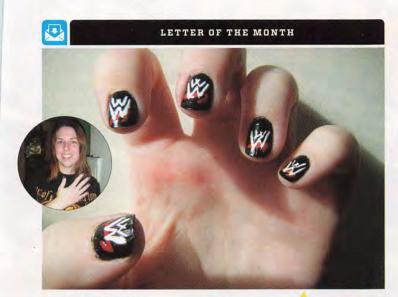
#### "One...More...Match. HBK!"

Dear WWE Magazine, I just wanted to thank you guys for interviewing WWE Hall of Famer HBK in the April issue ("Shawn Michaels' Higher Calling"), but shame on you for not convincing him to return to the ring. The WWE Universe misses you, Shawn!

Greg S., San Diego, CA

Believe us, we implored him to return-we miss Mr. WrestleMania as much as you do. Probably even more. But as you read in the interview, Shawn has taken quite a shine to hanging with his family and going hunting and fishing, and frankly, our begging, supplicating, and beseeching got a little sad after 24 minutes. And the chocolates, flowers and teddy bears didn't work, either.





#### **NAIL FILE**

Dear WWE Magazine,
When I attended the Royal Rumble
in Boston, MA, I decided to paint my
nails for the occasion! It was my firstever pay-per-view, and I enjoyed it so
much. I can't wait to attend more in
the future!

Scarlett S., via email

Nice nails! If anyone challenges you to a "Back Scratch Fever"\* match, you'll be prepared!

#### THIS MONTH'S WINNER

For her letter, Scarlett will receive WWE: The True Story of WrestleMania on DVD. Next month's winner gets The Adjustment Bureau on Blu-ray this June. See P76 for details.



\*This is not a match.

#### "Second Helpings, Please"

Dear WWE Magazine, The double issue with Stone Cold, The Rock & HBK was awesome! But where's all the stuff you didn't print? Barry D., via email

Anything that spills over from the interviews goes right into our amazing Mobile Magazine! Shameless plug? You'll have to download it from your app store to know for sure.

#### Bob Barker, Come On Down!

Dear WWE Magazine,
Now that Drew Carey is in the WWE
Hall of Fame, how long until Bob
Barker is inducted as well?
Mark C., via email

We'll tirelessly lobby for Bob Barker. He's a broadcasting legend, he was a class act on Raw, and he once beat the crap out of Adam Sandler. We're in your corner, Mr. Barker!



#### DREW RESPONDS...

#### The Mane Event

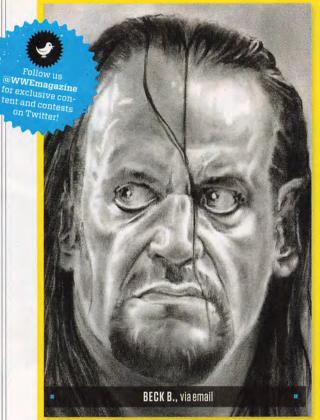
Dear WWE Magazine,
Why does Drew McIntyre always
put his hair in a ponytail? His
hair just falls out of it five
seconds into the match. It's
quite distracting, to be
honest. I say either he
gets his locks cut, or
finds a new way to
pull his hair back.

Elizabeth C. Worth, IL

"FIRST OFF, I WON THE 'WWE MAG' HAIR OF THE YEAR SLAMMY. I THINK IT LOOKS SEXY IN A PONYTAIL, AND OBVIOUSLY, OTHERS AGREE. BESIDES, YOU MAY NOTICE THAT, IN THE RING, I'M USUALLY THE ONE WHO UNDOES MY HAIR. WHEN I GET MAD, THE HAIR IS LET LOOSE. I HAD MY HAIR BRAIDED FOR "MANIA, WHERE IT LOOKED GREAT, PROBABLY BETTER THAN YOURS, ELIZABETH."



We're always seeking drawings of Superstars.
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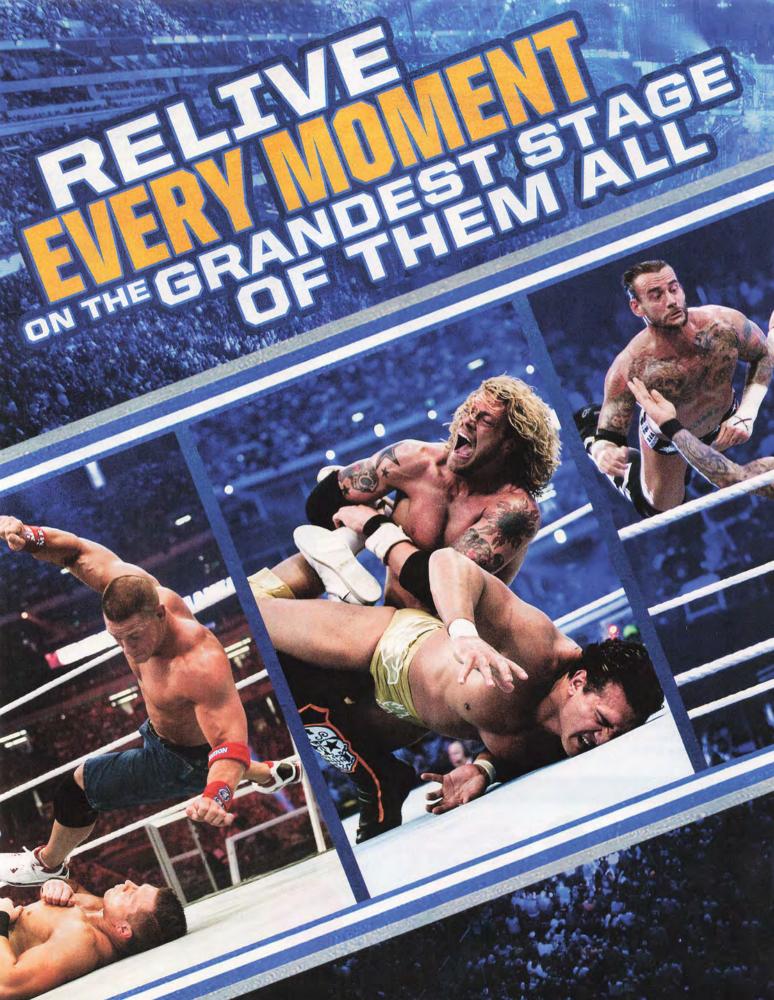


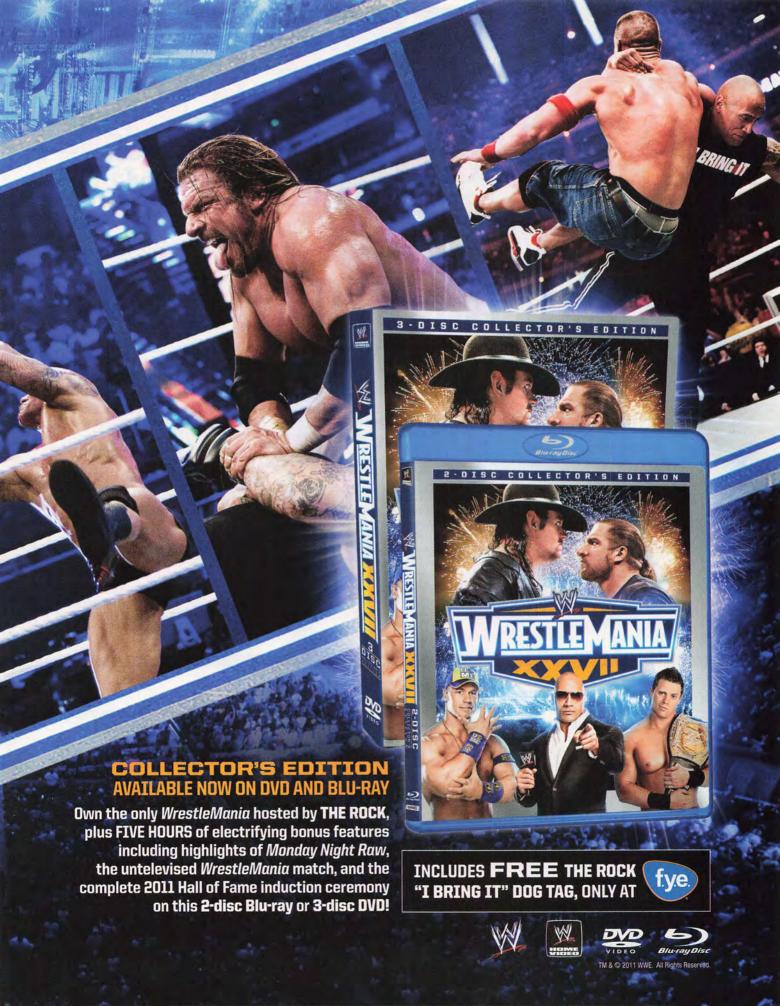
#### HEY, ARTISTS

WIN!

Wanna see your artwork in WWE Magazine? Send your Da Vinciesque doodles of Superstars to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM and we might publish them! Next month, we'll give away a copy of WWE RAW: The Best of 2010 on DVD. Details on Page 76.







## **6 Low-Budget Ways To Drive Her Wild**

Who needs diamonds? This sextet of clever, inexpensive romantic gestures will balance your love life and, more importantly, your wallet. You can thank Rosa later.

#### TACTIC #1 PLANT THE SEEDS OF ROMANCE

Flowers are pricey and wilt within a week-so buy her seeds instead! Then plant them together so you can watch them grow as your love blossoms. Kick things up a notch by visiting botanical paperworks. com and ordering seeds molded into lovey-dovey shapes, such as the Plantable Heart Note or the Five Petal Confetti. "Women love getting flowers," Rosa says. "But there's more significance to planting seeds with your man. It shows he's around for the long haul." Plus, a plant lasts longer, and will buy you time till you have to shell out for another bouquet!



#### TACTIC #2 CATER TO HER **LUNCHTIME NEEDS**

Before your gal leaves in the morning for work, scrawl a note on a napkin that reads, "Lunch on me today! It'll be there at noon!" Then wrap it around a set of silverware and-carefully-hide it in her purse. Next, go to grubhub.com, search local restaurants, and call in the order. "Not only is this a romantic gesture, it's a sexy one, too," Rosa says. "It shows he's interested in taking care of me. The only thing better would be if he showed up at my office himself. with lunch in hand!"



#### TACTIC #3 SEND HER A SECRET MESSAGE

Try writing a saccharine-sweet note on the foggy bathroom mirror while your girl is showering. Remember to keep the message simple, duh: "I love you." "Morning, beautiful." "You smell great." Or, leave a paper note for her to find somewhere around the house. Slip it in with a bookmark, attach it to her cell phone, stick it on a jug of Sunny D. in the fridge. Does it work? Says Rosa: "If a man surprises you with a note when you least expect it, it tells you he's thinking about youand women love knowing they're on their man's mind." Yahtzee!



#### PACTIC #4 CHALK IT ALL UP TO LOVE!

Welcome home your favorite 9-to-5'er by throwing a party in her parking spot. All you need is some sidewalk chalk! Draw a house with the words, "Welcome home, baby." Scribble the teenage etching, "Me + U 4Ever." The childlike gesture will give her that puppy-love feeling for days. Rosa says, "Leaving a note in chalk is absolutely sweet! It shows he's missing you, and that he's happy to see you. After a long day, it means the world to us that you're excited for us to come home."



#### TACTIC #5 PAINT HER A STUNNING PORTRAIT (SORT OF ...)

Send in a digital picture of your woman to paintmyphotonow.com, and an artist will render it in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pastel or charcoal for as little as \$66 (8"x10"). "I would love an original piece of art," Rosa says. "Better yet, he could commission a painting of the place where we first met, or some place of equal significance to our relationship." And if you can pull it off, totally take credit for the drawing!



#### TACTIC #6 FAWN OVER HER ON FACEBOOK

Part of winning a girl over is winning her friends over, too. Give her gal pals a reason to love you by posting a poetic comment on your girl's Facebook wall. "There's nothing more important to a woman than earning her friends' approval. Prove to them that she's the center of your world, and she'll place you in the center of hers." Short on words? Hit up lovingyou.com and crib pre-written letters that express whatever sentiment you want to pretend to convey.











## The Spring-Loaded Workout

Get ripped like Kofi Kingston with this go-anywhere resistance-band routine!

Even if you don't travel as often as a WWE Superstar, there's always a chance you'll land somewhere without a weight room. But if you stow a set of resistance bands in your bag, you can turn any space into a gym. "Resistance bands offer a gradual increase of resistance as you go through the whole range of motion," says trainer Chris Thomae, NASM, CPT, PES, CES-myboost fitness.com. Perform two-to-four sets of 12 reps of the following exercises, Thomae says. So, find a secure spot and get going!

HELPFUL HINT Use two bands during rotation lifts, punches and for added

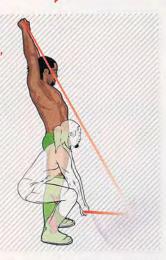
ROTATION LIFTS Attach band at ankle level Targets abs, obliques, legs and shoulders

Stand in a half-squat with knees bent, feet straight and chest up facing the anchor point. Hold one handle with both hands near the band's anchor point with your arms fully extended. Tuck your chin, tighten your glutes, lift diagonally across your body and rotate your trunk until the handle is at eye level. Return to the starting position and repeat the drill. Switch sides and then repeat.



**OVERHEAD SWINGS** Attach band at ankle level

> Targets quads, hamstrings, glutes, abs and delts Stand facing the anchor point and grip one handle with both hands while bending your knees into a half-squat position. With your arms extended, simultaneously explode and push with your legs as you pull your arms above your head without arching your back. Keeping your arms extended, bring the band back toward the anchor point in a controlled motion and repeat at a quick pace.



ROTATING CHEST PUNCHES Attach band at chest level or a point parallel to the floor

Targets chest, delts, triceps, abs, obliques and glutes

Turn your body 90 degrees from the anchor point and grab the handle nearest to the anchor. Use your entire body to push the band toward the opposite wallas if you were throwing a punch-but be careful not to shrug your shoulders as you follow through with the action. Repeat the motion as quickly as you can while still maintaining control. Then, switch arms and repeat.



SQUAT TO ROW Attach band at ankle level Targets quads, hamstrings, glutes, biceps, and

upper and lower traps Assume a standing position with your feet straight at shoulder-width apart, and hold each handle with your arms extended at chest level. Tighten your glutes again and perform a 3/4-squat. As you return to a standing position, pull the handles toward your armpits, squeezing your shoulder blades together into a row. You should complete the row by the time your legs are straight.



#### GYM BAG MUST-HAVES



Throw this pesky little guy against a wall or to a partner and try to field its unpredictable bounces as you build hand-eye coordination and agility for your summer softball team or ironic kickball league. Hey-it beats chasing around a chicken. \$10, www.sklz.com

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# FORREST GUMP: PARAMOUNT/COURTESY EVERETT COLLECTION

## **Cash For Questions**

Alberto Del Rio has plenty to say...and here, he jabbers on about winning the Rumble, tasting HBK's boot, and being relentlessly booed.

#### What was it like to win the Royal Rumble on your first try?

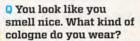
Marcus A., via email

A That was the greatest moment of my life. The Royal Rumble is WWE's must-see tournament, and for me to win it only eight months after my debut was simply amazing. Nothing can describe how I felt that night. I've been doing this all my life-I grew up watching Superstars in the locker room. I grew up watching Superstars hailing from Mexico to Japan, and from the United States as well. It's always been my dream to be a WWE Superstar. I have been training my entire life for this kind of success. So it was good, I guess, is what I'm saying. Very, very good.

#### I've seen every episode of Full House at least 14 times. What's your guilty pleasure?

Henry G., via email

A I have seen Forrest Gump 200 times. I love that movie, because you have this guy who is kind of slow, and yet he has accomplished everything in his life. It is a reminder to me that someone with the gifts and skills I possess can absolutely conquer the world, because look what that idiot did with next to nothing.



Olivia B., via email

A I wear many, but my favorite is Obsession. It's strong and masculine, but it's also sweet at the same time. Like me! It smells like The Essence of Excellence. If you were to bottle excellence in spray form, it would smell like this cologne.

#### Q Your theme song sticks in my head. How do you get it out of yours each night?

Brian D., Park City, UT

A I feel the same way! I love my music, but sometimes, like when I'm in the airport at five in the morning, I wish it weren't so catchy. But I'm glad it's stuck in your head. Better to have my theme in there instead of Christian's or Rey Mysterio's.

Q You talk like you've won everything in WWE, but you've only won the Rumble.

Aren't you getting ahead of vourself?

Ingrid F., Augusta, GA A If you check the names of the people who have won the Rumble in the past, you'll see that they represent the elite. They are Legends-so that tells you I'm going to be a Legend. I won the

and I'm just a few days away from being the first true Mexican to win the World Heavyweight Championship. As you are reading this, it is entirely possible that I am the World Heavyweight Champion. So I am not ahead-you are behind.

#### Are you the most hated man in WWE right now? And does that make you happy or sad?

Danny Y., Virginia Beach, VA A I think I am the most hated individual in WWE. No, wait, I know I am. It doesn't make me sad. They hate me because I'm Alberto Del Rio. I'm totally fine with that. I enjoy that. They hate me and say all those nasty things because they want to be me. But there can only be one Alberto Del Rio. The people know this and they are jealous. And this is why they hate me. So when they boo, it is like they are saying, "Yay."

#### You've gotten into the habit of attacking people and then ruthlessly punishing your victims' arms. Why do you feel the need to fight dirty?

A I want to teach them a lesson. It's not fighting dirty, it's just making them pay for stepping into the ring with me. It is like a bridge toll I charge them for crossing me. I need to make a statement to other people who want to face me. I want to be known as the guy who's going to



Kiki R., Walla Walla, WA

As a fan, yes. As a Superstar, no. Personally, it was an honor. It was one of the most important moments of my career. I wanted him to kick me. Why do you think I stuck my chin out like that?

Pablo F., Plano, TX

destroy everybody.

You are hanging off a cliff. In one hand you hold Ricardo Rodriguez, and in the other, Brodus Clay. You can only save

one! Whom do you choose?

Anna E., via email

A I would like to say Brodus Clay because I don't care about Ricardo Rodriguez. But it would be very hard, nearly impossible, to pull the five hundred pounds that is Brodus Clay up with one hand. So, in fairness, I'm going to have to let both of them go. Sorry, fellas. Take comfort in knowing that I will not be burdened by replacing you.

#### What's the deal with your scarf? Are you always cold?

Roddy W., Palo Alto, CA

A The scarf is something I wear because it tells you that I'm a really pure person. And it looks very classy. It gives me style. The scarf says, "I'm not cold, I'm cool."



In the coming months we'll be sorting through fan mail for R-Truth, Christian and Evan Bourne. Send your queries to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM (subject line: "Cash for Questions"), or send it the hard way! (Snail it to: WWE Magazine, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT o6902.) If it doesn't suck, we'll print it in the magand send you 20 bucks in cold, hard, spendin' cash.



When you approach the ring. you point to your face and grin. What exactly do you have to smile about?

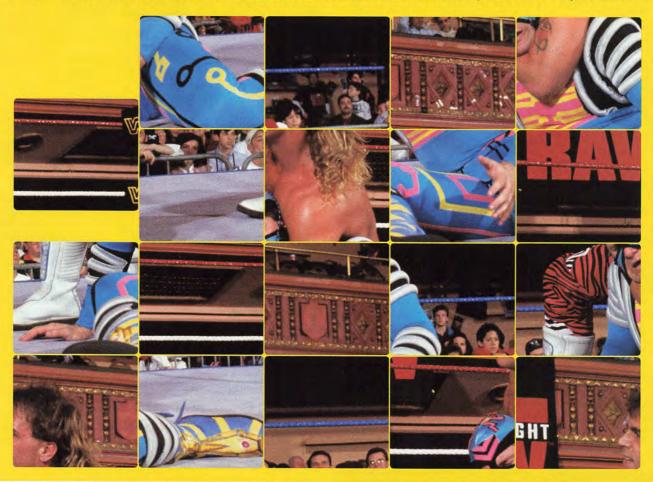
biggest Royal Rumble in history,

Ben H., via email It is a way to tell everybody, "Look at me!" I'm perfect. I smile because I am a genuinely pleased guy. I smile because I'm happy. I have everything. I don't need anything. I've got everything. And if I don't have something, I can always go out and buy it. And if I can't buy it, I'll just take it. Plus, as we have already discussed, I smell fantastic.

## The Monday Night

More than 900 episodes of *Raw* have aired in the past 18 years, so we had a lot to sort through for this test of ring lore. Pass it and call yourself an expert on the finest in WWE entertainment.

Identify the two Superstars featured in the jumbled photo below. Hint: They competed during the first episode of Raw, on Jan. 11, 1993.



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- A "TO BE LOVED" BY PAPA ROACH
- B "ACROSS THE NATION" BY UNION UNDERGROUND
- C "LET IT ROLL" BY DIVIDE THE DAY
- D "THORN IN YOUR EYE" BY SCOTT IAN



Juring the Monday Night Wars, who said, "That'll put butts in seats!" prompting WCW viewers to flip the channel and watch WWE on USA?

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DOUBLE TROUBLE! 5 ing duos pictured below was never an official Raw announce team?









- A MR. MCMAHON & BOBBY HEENAN
- G COACH & JERRY LAWLER
- D JOEY STYLES & MICHAEL COLE



- GUESS THAT GUEST! Following the guest-host stints by Batista and The Million Dollar Man, who acted as Raw's first celebrity guest star on July 13, 2009?
- A SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
- B SETH GREEN
- C FREDDIE PRINZE JR.
- D ZZ TOP

WHO AM I? Undertaker is the only active WWE Superstar to wrestle on Raw's first

episode.

Whom did

he defeat?



ARENA HUNT! At which East Coast venue did Raw debut?

- A HARTFORD CIVIC CENTER
- B NYC'S MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
- NYC'S GRAND BALLROOM AT MANHATTAN CENTER STUDIOS
- D BRENDAN BYRNE ARENA IN EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ

B JIM ROSS & RANDY SAVAGE

MARK THESE DATES!

Match each of the historic Raw moments shown below to the day it aired.



- "RAW" CELEBRATES ITS 10" ANNIVERSARY



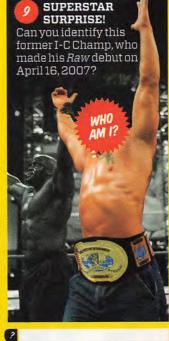
- WWE'S BRAND EXTEN-SION DRAFT KICKS OFF
- 2 10/3/05



- "RAW" BEATS "NITRO" AFTER 84 WEEKS
- 3 1/13/03



- "RAW" RETURNS TO USA FOR ITS HOMECOMING
- 4 4/13/98



#### RATING SCALE

#### RING THE BELL!

1 3/25/02

Compare your answers with those in the key below, then tally your score to find out how you rank according to ourscientifically accurate Raw GM scale. Do you possess the "Hart" of The Hitman, or the tangled tongue of Mike Adamle?









RAW GM



McMAHON



ANSWERS

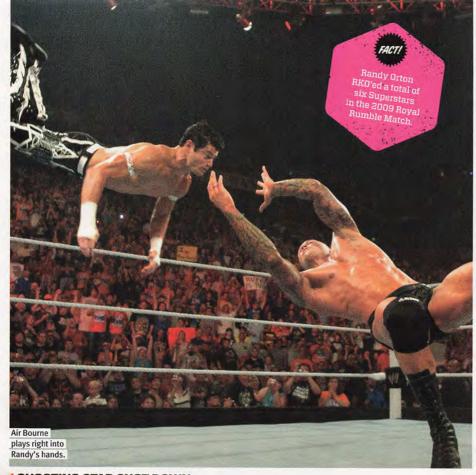




RANDY ORTON ESTIMATES THAT HE'S RKO'ED MORE THAN 100 SUPERSTARS, DIVAS, LEGENDS, WWE HALL OF FAMERS AND RAW GUEST STARS DURING HIS CAREER. HERE-FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER—THE VIPER BREAKS DOWN THE **GAME FILM ON SOME OF HIS MOST** MEMORABLE MATCH-ENDING MO-MENTS AND DIVULGES THE IN-RING **PSYCHOLOGY BEHIND EACH AND EVERY** DEVASTATING MOVE. BUT BE WARNED: THESE IN-DEPTH INSIGHTS WON'T PREVENT YOU FROM BECOMING YET ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE DREADED RKO.

AS TOLD TO JOHN MIHALY





#### 1SHOOTING STAR SHOT DOWN

The Recipient Evan Bourne-Raw, 7/12/10

The Setup Evan Bourne teamed with Randy Orton for a tag match to defeat Edge and Chris Jericho, and received a somewhat unwarranted RKO for his services. The next week, he sought revenge on his former tag team partner in the form of an Air Bourne on The Apex Predator that went wrong. Very, very wrong.

The Viper Says "That would probably be one of my favorites. I have more than 250,000 followers on Twitter, and they all believe that this should have won the Slammy for Move of the Year. I think it was replayed seven times that night. I was obviously pumped up afterward. It was like I was in a mosh pit. A lot of people didn't think that I could pull it off,



#### **2** FLIGHT 619 GROUNDED

The Recipient Rey Mysterio-SmackDown, 3/24/06 The Setup In a match leading into WM22, Rey Mysterio grappled with Finlay. Rey was set to hit the West Coast Pop, but as he launched off the top rope, Randy came running to the ring and delivered a perfectly timed mid-air RKO. The Viper Says "I knew what I had to do: I needed to run down the ramp and time it so I was right there during a certain span when Rey occupied a space of about 10 inches in the air. I'd faced Rev enough to know his timing, so I was looking at his legs and running down the ramp, pacing myself so that when I slid into the ring he didn't have time to stop his jump. He was already committed, so I was able to get there right when I needed to be."

#### "I WOULD RKO MY OWN GRANDMOTHER IF IT MEANT KEEPING THIS TITLE. AND THEN I WOULD RKO YOUR GRANDMOTHER JUST TO SEE THE LOOK ON HER FACE.

-RANDY ORTON, TO SHEAMUS, ABOUT THE LENGTHS HE'D GO TO RETAIN THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP; RAW, 9/20/10



#### 3 LEAP-FROGGED

The Recipient Christian-Raw, 2/14/05 The Setup With Stacey Keibler offering him a Valentine's Day date earlier in the evening, Randy wanted to make quick work of Christian. The imminent delivery of a Killswitch almost put an end to those plans. However, the ever-inventive Orton leap-frogged over and out of Christian's finisher and leaned back for an incredible RKO. The Viper Says "Ah, the old RKO from the back. The beauty of the RKO has always been that I can hit it from any angle. With Evan or Rey coming off the top rope, I can hit it. If Christian is sneaking up behind me and I turn my head enough to see him in my peripheral vision, I can nail it."



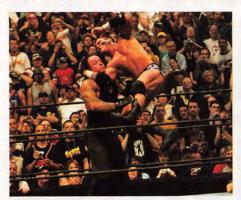
#### 4 RKO IN STEREO

The Recipient Shawn Michaels-Raw, 12/18/06 The Setup Rated-RKO teamed with Umaga to take on DX and John Cena. The match quickly devolved into DQ territory thanks to the liberal use of some steel chairs. Edge and Randy placed one of those chairs on the mat and proceeded to simultaneously RKO Shawn Michaels facefirst into the steel. To quote Ron Simmons: "DAMN!" The Viper Says "Edge and I were tag team champs at the time, so it kind of fit, but I don't see myself lending the RKO to anyone else. This one was lacking a bit in spontaneity because you saw it coming from a mile away. Shawn was limp in our hands, and he wasn't getting away."



#### 5 WORLD RECORD-KO

The Recipients Wade Barrett, then Darren Young, then Edge, and, finally, Sheamus-Raw, 9/6/10 The Setup As WWE Title contenders John Cena, Edge and WWE Champion Sheamus sat ringside, Randy received a helping hand from a spurned Darren Young during The Viper's bout against Wade Barrett. Big mistake, Darren. Not only did he suffer an RKO, so did Edge and Sheamus. The Viper Says "I know that I've hit three or four RKOs close together, but this might have been a record for the number delivered per minute. With each one, the crowd just got louder and louder. I feed off of that. The energy is what brings out The Viper-it's a group effort there."



#### 6 BURY THE DEAD

The Recipient Undertaker—WrestleMania 21, 4/3/05
The Setup Randy attempted to end Undertaker's
WrestleMania streak and chisel yet another name into his
Legend Killer ledger. During the match, Orton countered
a chokeslam with an RKO, but the end result wasn't quite
what The Viper expected.

The Viper Says "I can get my ass whooped for 10 minutes, but if I hit that well-timed RKO, there's pretty much a 99-percent chance that I'm going to win the match. In this case, with Undertaker, that one-in-a-hundred chance arose. 'Taker was protecting his WrestleMania winning streak—and there was just no way that a single RKO was going to take him down."



#### 7 R-K-OWNED!

The Recipient Rob Van Dam-Raw, 5/28/07

**The Setup** Randy had been bragging about incapacitating Shawn Michaels at *Judgment Day*, and his words didn't sit well with Rob Van Dam. Of course, the two decided to settle the dispute in the ring. A vicious Orton punt to the skull ended the match when RVD was unable to respond to the referee. Not satisfied with his win, Orton hauled RVD to his feet and delivered a head-over-heels RKO.

The Viper Says "RVD is like Gumby, and I can't think of anyone else who could end up in a position like that. I guess my downward momentum was so great that he had no choice but to follow. He ended up spiking himself, and I knew there was no way he was kicking out."



#### **8 CODY BREAKER**

The Recipient Cody Rhodes—Raw, 3/17/08
The Setup After winning a Triple Threat Takeover chal-

lenge, Triple H forced his two WrestleMania opponents— Randy Orton and John Cena—to form a tag team for the evening's main event. Their opponents? The entire Raw roster. Despite their differences, The Viper and The Champ worked like a well-oiled machine.

The Viper Says "This is just a simple case in which John and I were forced to work off of each other. He caught Cody Rhodes in that Cross Body, then turned around and saw me. It was one of those moments when I tagged in, and we had a couple of seconds when he could help me out. That's what we did. And we won that match."

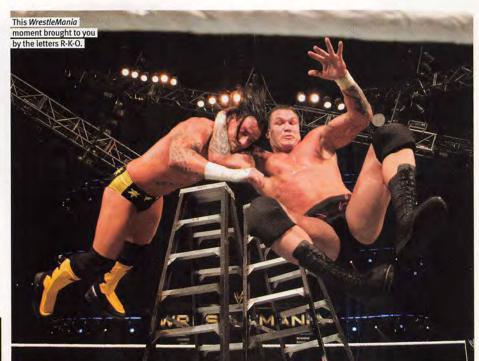
#### Orton Goes Hollywood!

The letters "RKO" were once synonymous with the studio that produced such classic films as King Kong and Citizen Kane. Once again, RKO is taking over the movie industry, as Randy Orton makes his Hollywood debut in That's What I Am, starring four-time Oscar nominee Ed Harris. Check it out on DVD and Blu-ray on May 17th.



"I'M ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT OTHER SUPERSTARS' MOVES AND HOW I CAN COUNTER THEM. THE BATISTA BOMB IS A PARTICULARLY TOUGH MOVE TO RKO OUT OF. ONCE I'M UP ON HIS SHOULDERS I'M NOT ABLE TO HOP OFF HIM. IF I CAN SHIMMY DOWN OR SLIDE OFF AND LAND ON MY FEET, THEN I CAN—WHAM!—HIT IT."

-RANDY ORTON, ON SCOUTING SUPERSTARS



#### 9 CM PUNK'S BELL RUNG

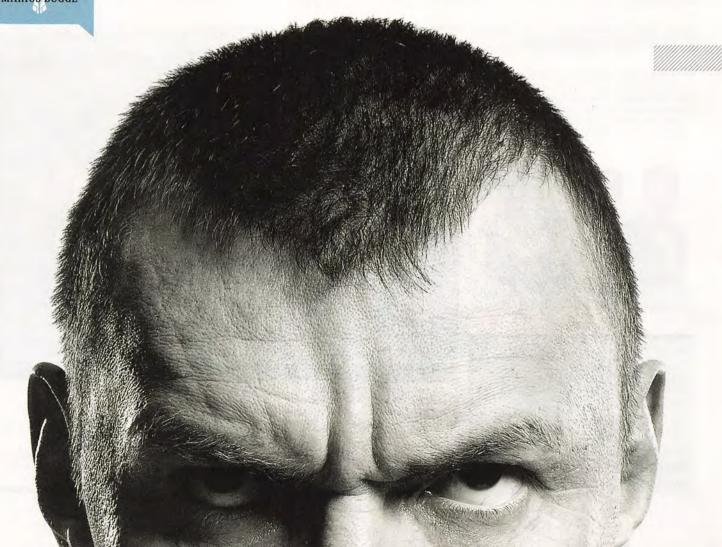
The Recipient CM Punk-WrestleMania 23, 4/1/07

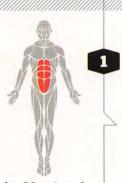
**The Setup** In their first MITB Ladder Match, Randy Orton and CM Punk struggled against six Superstars (as well as a Diva and a leprechaun) for a briefcase hanging high above the ring. With Punk and Randy ascending ladders, The Viper decided it was the perfect time and place to deliver a highlight-reel-worthy RKO to The Straight Edge Superstar.

The Viper Says "The timing off the ladder with Punk was tough. I was just so high up above the ring. Your depth perception is a little bit off, so you don't know when that landing is going to come. When I land with a typical RKO, I know from repetition just how far away my body is from the ring—so I know how much it's going to hurt when I deliver the move."

# ANATOMY SUPERSTAR

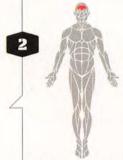
AS TOLD TO JOHN MIHALY PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARIUS BUGGE Superstars are so much more than the sum of their body parts—and that's saying something, considering their body parts are pretty impressive.
What does it take to achieve chiseled perfection?
Our ring warriors reveal the secrets behind their best physical attributes.





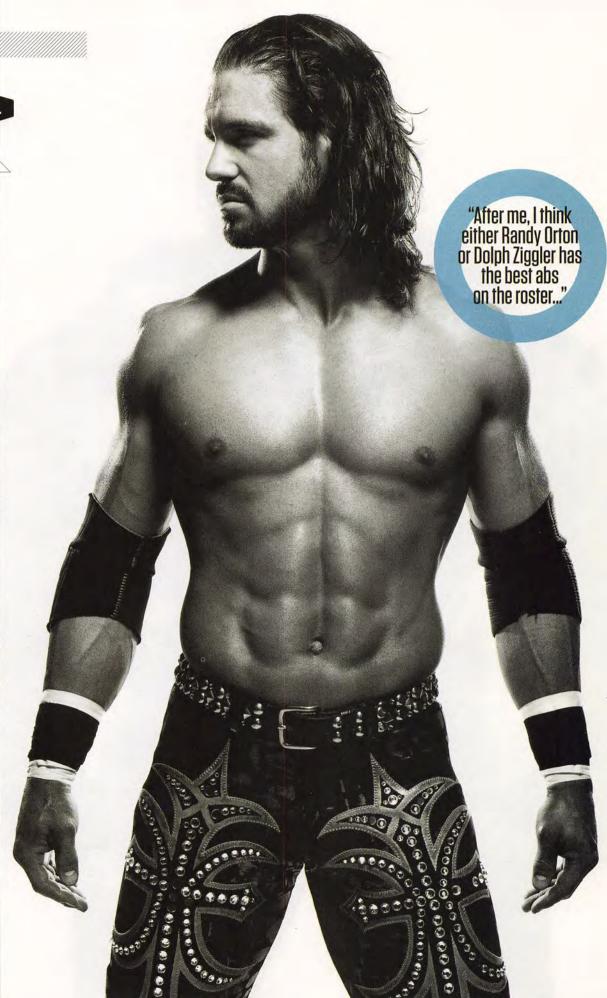
#### John Morrison's Abs

"People often say, 'If you're ever going make any money in WWE, it'll be with your mouth.' But for me, it's with my abs. However, don't forget my hair and my well-trimmed nose. I think the condition of my abs is partly due to genetics, and partly due to my diet/workout combo. After me, I think either Randy Orton or Dolph Ziggler has the best abs on the roster. Mr. Ziggles spray-tans and does Pilates. That combo is paying off for him."



#### Vladimir Kozlov's Forehead

"Using my forehead is all about having the proper concentration. When I hit my opponent with my headbutt, I put the target in my field of vision, and I aim to plow straight through it. That way I am sure I won't hurt myself. It's a move that can be used in Sambo for self-defense, but I actually used my headbutt much more when I played rugby. Other than myself, I'd have to say that Santino Marella has the hardest head in WWE."



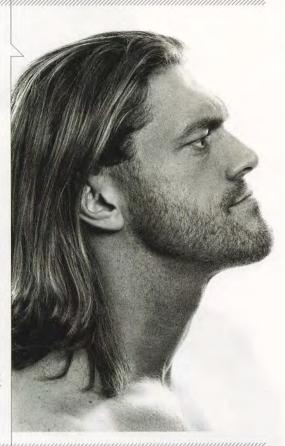






### Edge's Chin

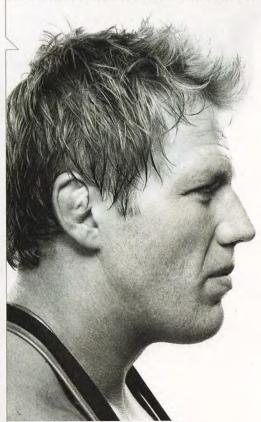
"I call it 'the shovel.' It's been known to take quite a few hits. I don't have a glass chin, that's for sure. I accentuate it. I try to pronounce it. On TV, I go over the top with my facials, which is fun. It's the best way for me to express the emotion of the match. There were times when I tried to make myself look as ugly as possible. I wanted to make it look like I wasn't sleeping, I wanted people thinking, 'this guy has gone off the rails.' "





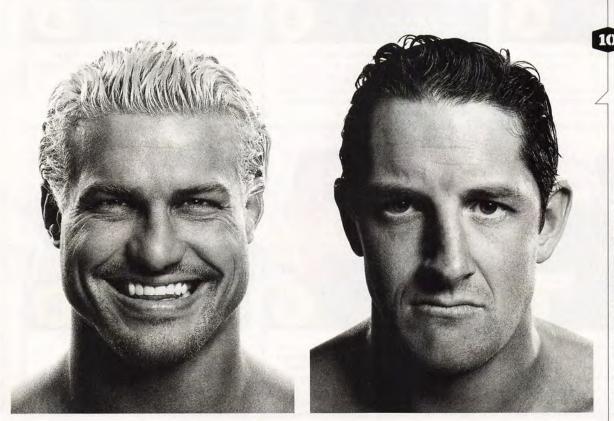
#### Jack Swagger's Ears

"When the ear flares up, it's the most tender thing in the world. When an ear is cauliflowered, you'll see the guy cry like a little baby if it's twisted. When it first happens and fills up with fluid, the fluid must be drained with a needle. It hardens up, and it's not tender anymore. I've got just enough damage to look tough and tell the girls about. Kofi Kingston kicked me once, and I thought the cauliflower came back. He's vile for doing that."











#### Wade Barrett's Nose

"I can't tell you exactly how many times my nose has been broken. I'd have to say somewhere between 10 and 20. It always hurts the same, but I think I've grown more used to it. It's at the point now where it's not really a big deal. Every time it breaks, it gets a little bit stronger, so it's actually harder to break. Justin Gabriel hit me during WWE NXT and broke it for the first time in seven years. For me, that's a long time."

You worship the WWE ring warriors who compete on TV each week. But whom do they admire? In their own words, our Superstars and Divas reveal their secret celebrity idols.

AS TOLD TO JOHN MIHALY



EDGE DAVE GROHL

"Meeting Dave Grohl and getting to hang out with him was a big moment for me. He's very down-toearth. He actually made me think, 'That's how I need to be in WWE.' It means a lot when a guy in a band like Foo Fighters, who's gotten me through countless road trips, turns out to be awesome."



ALBERTO DEL RIO POPE JOHN PAUL II

"The Pope. My mother is from Italy. Every year we'd travel back there to visit family and, of course, we went to the Vatican. I think it was about 12 years ago, and we had the chance to not only see His Holiness, but also meet him, too. Sure, it was with 200 other people, but it was still pretty cool."



MATT STRIKER CHARLES OAKLEY

"I was supposed to meet Mark Henry at a club in Atlanta. I'm looking around for him and I feel a hand on my shoulder. It belongs to No. 34 of the New York Knicks, Charles Oakley. He looks at me and says, 'Oh, the teacher-what's up, Matt Striker?' Then he says, 'Mark's not here, you can come hang out with me.'



**DOLPH ZIGGLER** JON LOVITZ

"I saw Jon Lovitz's improv about two months before he guest-starred on Raw. Here's the coolest part-I asked him old Saturday Night Live questions and then-get this-he performs a 'Master Thespian' bit that never aired. That was as good as it gets...unless I meet Chevy Chase and he turns out not to be a jerk."



DANIEL BRYAN TOM HANKS & **ELIZABETH BERKLEY** 

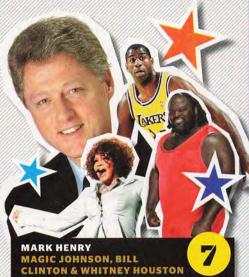
"I don't believe in the whole culture of celebrity at all. but I lived in Los Angeles for a little bit, and I thought it was really cool when I met Tom Hanks. You could see that he's just a normal dude. I actually met Elizabeth Berkley from Saved by the Bell there, too. And no, I didn't say, 'Loved ya in Showgirls,' or anything."



JOSE CANSECO & PEE WEE HERMAN

"Believe it or not, I actually played against Jose Canseco in a video-game challenge for a charity. Do you understand that when I was growing up and playing Home Run Derby, I always pretended to be him? And, of course, there was my moment with Pee Wee

Herman. I'm living the dream...the dream of 1989."

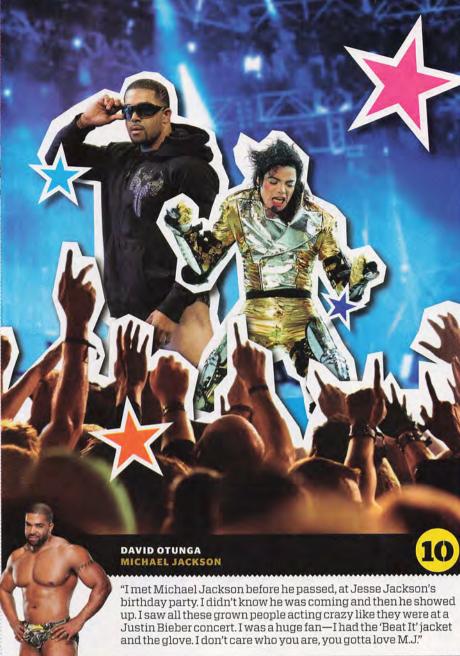


"I've been starstruck by three people in my life: Earvin 'Magic' Johnson, Bill Clinton and Whitney Houston, You can't beat them. Whitney Houston kissed me on the cheek, and told me that she and Bobby Brown were big WWE fans. I also met Bill Clinton at the White House at the Olympic dinner."



**KOFI KINGSTON ANDRE 3000** 

"I was on a red-eye and sitting on the plane was Andre 3000. He was kind of laid-back, but he was wearing one of those Fedora hats. For him, maybe it wasn't over-the-top. I've seen a lot of celebrities and I've never approached any, but when I saw him, I got butterflies in my stomach because I love Outkast."





"Once, I checked into my hotel in L.A. quickly, so I could watch Extras. I rushed to the elevator, and Ricky Gervais was standing there. It was weird because I was going to watch his show. I stumbled for words, somehow grabbed his hand and introduced myself. He gave me the coldest, wettest fish hand ever."



Every Superstar we spoke to raved about the former host of The Price Is Right. He should be a first-ballot entry for the celebrity wing of the WWE HOF. But don't take our word for it...



**\* CODY RHODES** "I was very impressed with Bob because he was such a professional. He's been on TV just as long as WWE-if not longer. At his age, he was damn spry and very entertaining."



**\* BETH PHOENIX** "Meeting Bob Barker was awesome. He's an icon, he's a piece of Americana. Plus, he's sharp as a tack. Calling out Chris Jericho on live television was so unexpected and so sassy."



MARELLA "Bob Barker was the only person outside of WWE I've ever been starstruck by. Anytime I meet a Superstar from the '70s or '8os, I'm also starstruck."

\* SANTINO

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## Match Of The Year Nominee!



Edge Retains Against Alberto Del Rio In A Stunning 'Mania Title Defense

For weeks, Alberto Del Rio boasted that winning Edge's World Heavyweight Championship was his WM destiny, even though he endured a monthlong losing streak entering The Show of Shows. At first, it appeared Del Rio was in control as he dominated Edge and worked over The Rated-R Superstar's tender right wing. But Edge showed his mettle, escaping Del Rio's Cross Armbreaker twice and surprising his foe to leave with his World Heavyweight Title reign intact. **4/3** WrestleMania XXVII

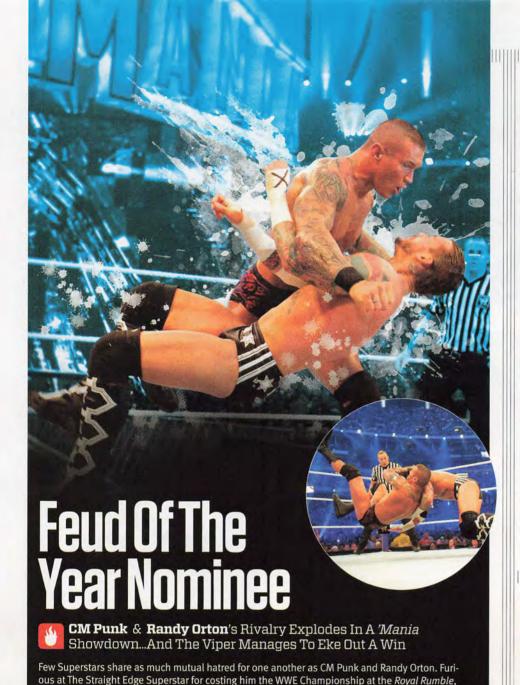
Triple H Goes Metal

**Cody Rhodes Impresses** 

Snooki & Cole Win Big

The Streak Lives





Move Of The Year Nominee

Wade Barrett + Kofi Kingston = Trouble In The Wasteland



fits during his I-C Title bout against Wade Barrett on SD. The distractions allowed Wade enough time to recover and reverse Kofi's Trouble in Paradise into a Wasteland. The match's conclusion was amazing, so we just had to ask Kofi, "What was it like to receive such an incredible finish?" 3/25 SmackDown

The Corre gave Kofi

"THAT WAS ACTUALLY THE SECOND TIME I'VE TAKEN THE WASTE-LAND, IT'S PROBABLY THE HARDEST I'VE HIT THE MAT. WADE PUTS **EVERYTHING INTO IT** AND SLAMS YOU DOWN WITH ALL HE'S GOT. GRAVITY HELPS HIM OUT A BIT, TOO. IT'S DEFINITELY A PRETTY STOUT MANEUVER, TO SAY THE LEAST."

#### Newcomer Of The Year Nominee

Sin Cara

Raw's newest recruit made an immediate impact during his debut. His stunning aerials are every bit as exciting as they looked during the masked man's vignettes! 4/4 Raw



3/7 American Airlines Center; Dallas, TX

neck. We'd call that a win of sorts, too. 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII

- Randy Orton •
- Christian Brodus Clay
- Eve 4 Nikki Bella Daniel Bryan Sheamus by Countout
- CM Punk @ R-Truth
- Dolph Ziggler
- 3/14 Scottrade Center St. Louis, MO
- The Great Khali @
- Sheamus Daniel Bryan
- Randy Orton
- Vickie Guerrero
- Iohn Cena Alberto Del

3/21 Console Energy Center; Pittsburgh, PA

- Sheamus @ Evan Bourne
- Slater Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov
- Ziggler (No Contest)
- Rey Mysterio Randy

3/28 Allstate Arena

- Edge & Christian **Brodus Clay**
- Santino Marella
- Jack Swagger 
   Jerry

"The King" Lawler

Ziggler @ Daniel Bryan

Orton sought retribution against Punk by punting each of his New Nexus lackeys en route to their

WrestleMania showdown. Meanwhile, Punk injured Orton's knee with a wrench, embarrassing The

Viper in front of his own wife. Their violent grudge match at The Show of Shows came to a stunning

conclusion when the wounded Orton turned a high-risk, top-rope attack by Punk into a lightning-

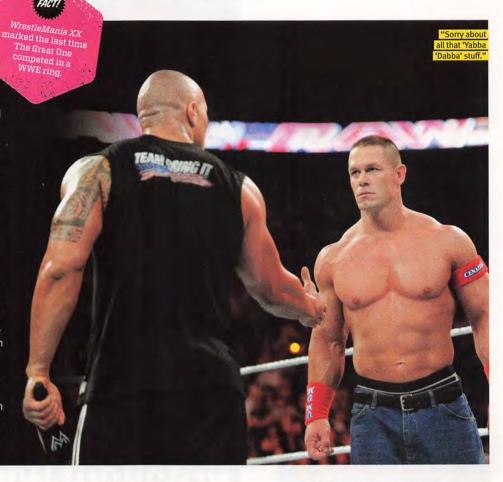
quick counter-RKO. Orton notched the win, but Punk at least left with his head still attached to his

# Shocker Of The Year



The Rock vs. John Cena-At WrestleMania XXVIII!

After The Rock and John Cena's war of words got physical on Raw, the WWE Universe anxiously awaited The Great One's response. He delivered it at 'Mania, unleashing a Rock Bottom on The Chain Gang Commander, destroying Cena's chances of taking the title from The Miz. The next night, The Rock dropped an even bigger bombshell when he agreed to meet Cena in the ring-at WrestleMania XXVIII no less! Not even a run-in by The Corre could ruin this historic announcement, as Wade Barrett and his cronies went on to endure a beatdown at the hands of these two mega-stars. Time to book those flights to Miami, WWE Universe! 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII; 4/4 Raw



### Best New Web Show!

Zack Ryder's "Z! True Long Island Story" Has Us Woo, Woo, Woo-ing With Laughter

The "Z! True Long Island Story" debuted on YouTube in February, and became an instant hit, with each episode garnering several thousand views. The weekly segmentsfeaturing Zack Ryder's personal "Broski of the Week"so far have all sported guest appearances by WWE Superstars announcer Scott Stanford and The Long Island Loudmouth's own dad. What does Long Island Iced Z think of the reaction to his hit series? We asked!







3/11 Toyota Center

Kane Wade Barrett

- Big Show & Kane Wade
- Cody Rhodes 4 JTG
- Layla Kaitlyn
- Rey Mysterio d
- Edge & Christian @ Alberto Del Rio & **Brodus Clay**

3/18 Sprint Center Arena; Kansas City, MO

- Edge @ Brodus Clay
- Sheamus & Kofi Kingston
- Cody Rhodes
- Layla Kelly Kelly

- Jack Swagger 4
- **Chris Masters** Rey Mysterio Ted DiBiase
- Christian Alberto Del Rio in a Steel Cage Match

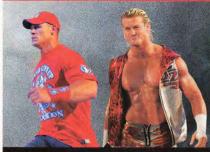
3/25 Nationwide Arena Columbus, OH

- Rey Mysterio
- Edge Drew McIntyre
- Lay-Cool 6 Kelly Kelly &
- Wade Barrett Kofi
- Jack Swagger
- Christian 👁
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- Chicago, IL Kofi Kingston
- Cody Rhodes



#### **Amazing Duds!**

during WrestleMania week



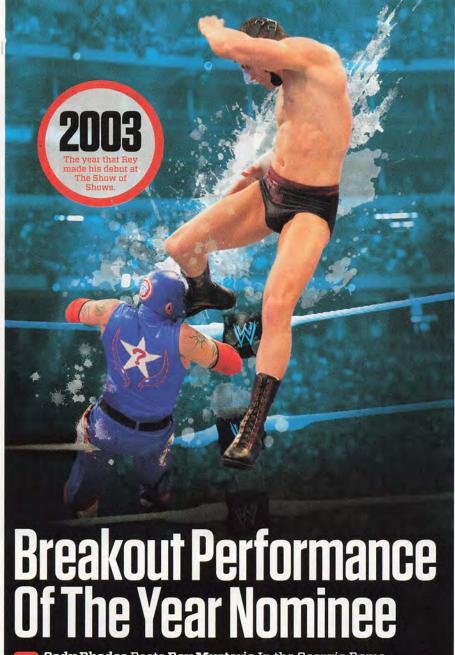
John Cena's red, white and blue "Persevere" T-shirt is sure to be a hit at July 4th barbecues 2. Dolph Ziggler's vest and shorts show that red cougar-print can make anything look cool.



3. Kofi Kingston's green garb is inspired by Slimer, of Ghostbusters fame. 4. Daniel Bryan's hoodie was designed by comic-book illustrator and writer Jill Thompson.



5. Sheamus's patriotic new ring gear smacks of irony, instead of actual patriotism. **6. John Morrison's** furless pleather pants and jacket appease PETA, but still look cool



Cody Rhodes Bests Rey Mysterio In the Georgia Dome-And Impresses In His Singles Debut At The Show of Shows

Cody grabbed our attention in his first WM singles bout by brandishing a vicious mean streak. Rhodes repeatedly struck Rey Mysterio with his protective face-mask, and even clobbered the master of the 619 with his own knee-brace! But Cody also displayed his technical prowess, hoisting Mysterio up for an impressive Stalling Superplex from the second rope. Hey, Cody may no longer be dashing, but nothing about this match was ordinary. 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII



3/8 Toyota Center

- Darren Young
- Titus O'Neil 🐠

3/15 Sprint Center Arena; Kansas City, MO

- Darren Young
- Lucky Cannon & Tyson Kidd & Byron Saxton & Yoshi Tatsu

3/22 Nationwide Arena

- Titus O'Neil @
- Vladimir Kozlov & Conor O'Brian @ JTG & Jacob Novak
- Lucky Cannon

3/29 Allstate Arena Chicago, IL Saxton @ Jacob Novak, Lucky Cannon &

Darren Young



- Chris Masters
- Zack Ryder Khali & Natalya 4





# The Streak

We've noticed something about Undertaker's 19 WrestleMania victories—the time it takes The Deadman to walk the ramp and enter the ring has increased significantly since WMVII. And the wait is well worth it every time..







- Tyler Reks JTG
- Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov • The Usos
- & Tamina The Bellas.

- Tyson Kidd & Melina
- Tatsu The Usos
- Chris Masters •

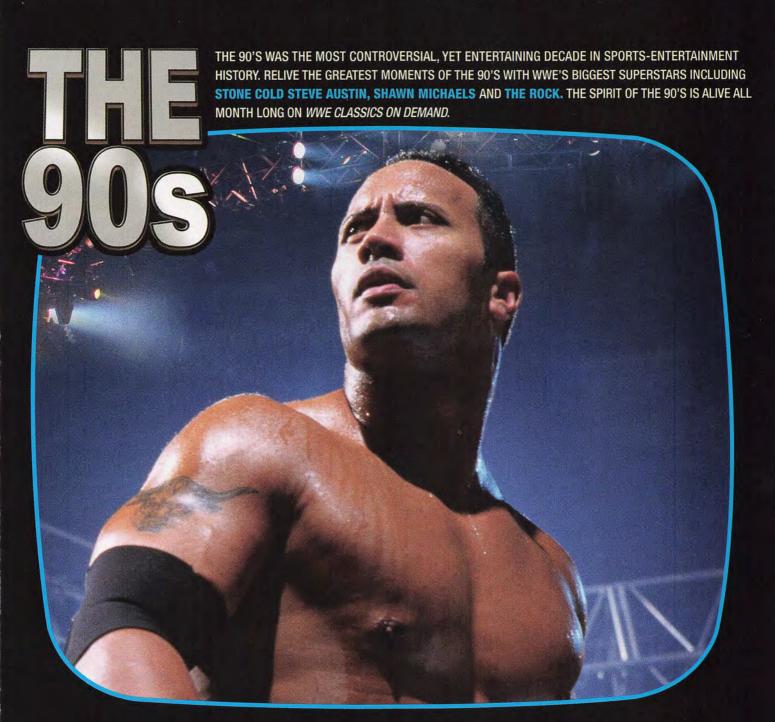
- Trent Barreta @
- Eve, Natalya &



## 4/3-WMXXVII Atlanta, GA

- Edge Alberto Del Rio
- Cody Rhodes
- Kingston 6 The Corre
- Randy Orton @ CM

- Dolph Ziggler &
- Michael Cole
- Undertaker Triple H
- The Miz 6 John Cena



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# Between The Ropes

The Month's Highest Spots And Lowest Splats

> THE TOP ROPE!



John Cena launches a pre-emptive strike on The Great One when he hits The Rock with an Attitude Adjustment. 3/28 Raw





Snooki's back-handspring elbow to Michelle McCool scores the win. 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII



Natalya takes Tyson Kidd down a peg with a mean Sharpshooter. 3/10 WWE Superstars



William Regal's insightful commentary gives us yet another reason to watch the Rookies on Tuesday nights. 3/8 WWE NXT



Stone Cold and The Rock come face-to-face in a tense backstage moment in Atlanta. 4/3
WrestleMania XXVII





Vladimir Kozlov and Conor O'Brian dance. Talk about busted moves. 3/22 WWE NXT



Sheamus answers Daniel Bryan's challenge for a rematch with a huuuuuge Brogue Kick. 3/21 Raw



CM Punk taunts a trapped Mrs. Viper after leveling Randy Orton with a wrench to the knee. 3/21 Raw



Jack Swagger traps both Jim Ross and The King in the Ankle Lock. The All-American American's a baa-aad dude! 3/14 Raw





Big Show endures a nasty attack by The Corre. 3/18 SmackDown



Michael Cole's blinding orange ring gear leaves nothing to the imagination. 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII



Lucky Cannon's villainous transformation includes this back-less robe. We want less of Lucky, not more. 3/8 WWE NXT



Superstars audition for Snoop Dogg, embarrassing all of us. 4/3
WrestleMania XXVII



Disguised as The Rock, The Miz lays out John Cena weeks before WMXXVII.



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# Biggest Beatdowns!

**Stone Cold Steve Austin** Delivers A Stunner Hat Trick

At WrestleMania, no one was safe from Guest Referee Stone Cold Steve Austin-not Jack Swagger, not Booker T, and not even Josh Mathews. So we asked Stone Cold what makes his unique brand of whup-ass so special. 4/3 WrestleMania XXVII

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COLD SAYS:
"The Stunner totally fit with
my personality, my demeanor.
It's quick, aggressive—the way I
took care of business. I wasn't always
the biggest or stroppest duy out there. the biggest or strongest guy out there. Explosive and violent—yes. When you think about a finisher, you need something that's going to be effective, something that fits all shapes and sizes.

BREAKDOWN

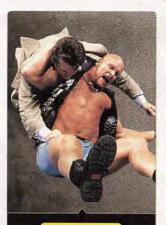
## The Stunner

No other Superstar's finisher gets a bigger reaction from the WWE Universe than the Stunner. We take a closer look at the devastating maneuver that debuted 15 years ago.



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e WWE Universe, executing e move on an unlucky Savio (ega on 6/17/96. Austin last ed the Stunner at The Show of Shows in a losing effort against The Rock during his final official match at crest Maria Wix on 2/60/03 s final official match at tleMania XIX on 3/30/03



The 15th Anniversary He's due for another



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Ace's Ace Crusher. Stone C says he added the kick to stomach shortly afterward way to set up the move

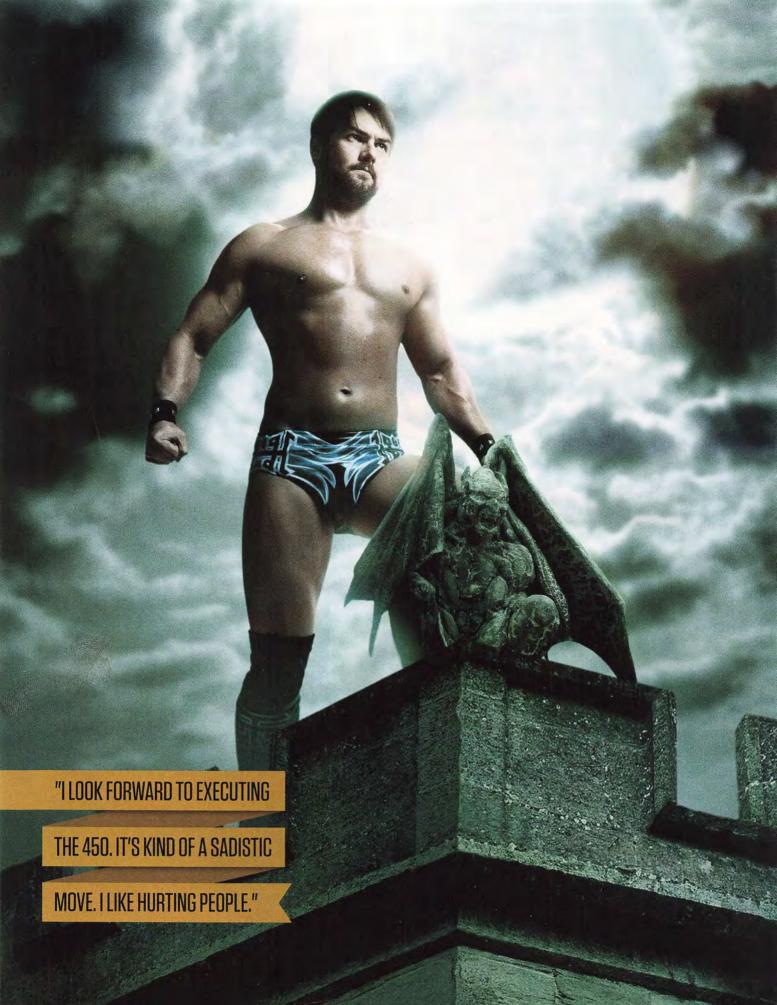
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The high-flying **Justin Gabriel** spreads his wings and opens up about his South African wrestling legacy, his time spent as a hand model, and the reason "The Corre" is spelled with two R's.

### It's a little-known fact, but you're actually a secondgeneration grappler. What's the deal with dear ol' Dad?

My dad was a wrestler and promoter in South Africa, and when I was growing up, I'd watch him compete almost every weekend. I'd go on tour with him during school holidays. He used to wrestle as "The Pink Panther," a persona that was way over-the-top, even for the '80s and '90s.

#### Is there a unique pressure on you, as the first WWE Superstar from South Africa, to do your country proud?

Yes and no. I'd say "yes," because I'm the first and there's a lot of pressure in WWE generally. But just by being here, I'd say, "no" because by being the first, I'm sure everyone's really proud of me already. Hopefully, I can motivate kids to follow in my footsteps and pursue their dreams.

#### Was this always your dream?

When I was nine years old, I bought my first WWE video game. I played it with my sister and I said, "I want to be in WWE one day." She was like, "Yeah, sure." I don't think she believed me. Actually, WrestleMania XXVII was my first 'Mania, and my mom came here to watch. I wrestled for 10 years back home, and she never once saw me compete. I think she only believed that I was in WWE after seeing me at WrestleMania.

### Like most Americans, the little we know about South Africa we've gleaned from watching District 9 and reading Cry, the Beloved Country. What are we missing?

It's really hard to say. Mark Henry described it like this the other day: "Imagine Colorado in Miami." Cape Town has incredible beaches, but it also has the most beautiful mountains you've ever seen. Johannesburg is another big city there. It's only a two-hour flight away from Cape Town, but it's very different. It's a huge metropolis, one of the most advanced in the world, but if you want to go on safari, you need only drive 45 minutes. It's a very diverse land. We also have 11 different national languages.

### Seems like you prefer actions to words—and nothing speaks louder than your 450 Splash. How'd it become your finisher?

As a kid, I used to love extreme sports. I've jumped out of planes, skydived, bungee jumped, all of that. When I bungee jumped, I would run and just do crazy flips off the bridge. I never did gymnastics or anything like that; I just flipped. It's such an adrenaline rush, you know? I was always able to

do that. I guess when I first started out, 10 years ago, I tried it in the ring, but I never really did it that much until I came to the U.S. My trainer in FCW was like, "Man that's amazing. You should do that more often." It looks great, and it works-which is the most important thing.

#### During the few seconds that you're up in the air, what's running through your mind before you hit the 450 Splash?

It depends on who's lying on the mat. Different things run through my mind. But I always look forward to executing the 450. It's kind of a sadistic move. I like hurting people. One moment that I'll always remember because I couldn't breathe for a minute afterward-was when I landed on Mr. McMahon. He's such a wide guy, and he's the boss. I think it hurt me more than it hurt him. I'll never forget that moment.

### That happened when you were a part of The Nexus. You're with The Corre now. So, what does the extra "R" stand for?

It literally doesn't stand for anything. It's a typo! We sent Heath Slater to the copyright place and that's how he thought "Core" was spelled. That's a true story. You can ask Wade Barrett if you want.

### It seems like you and Heath get along well. But do he and the other guys in The Corre know you were once a model?

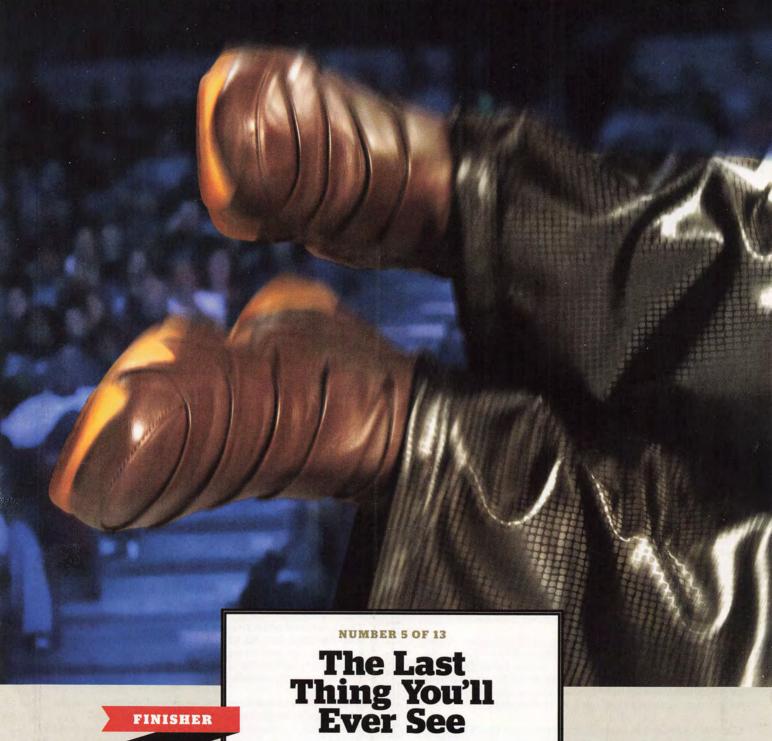
Oh, that. [Laughs.] People come up to me with photos they found on the Internet and they say, "Hey, can you explain this?" I used to do a lot of ads for colognes and Ed Hardy and calendars back home, and I guess that stuff is still out there. I did hair modeling, and I used to wear lots of crazy hairstyles-crazier than the one I have now. I was even a hand model, like David Duchovny's character in Zoolander.

#### You hand modeled? That's a real job?

Sure. I modeled for lots of stuff-watches, cell phones, wedding rings. One day, my agent said, "You've got nice hands." I was like, "Yeah. OK. Whatever. That's just weird, dude." He asked, "You want to do some hand modeling?" and I said, "No. Absolutely not." Then he said, "It pays a grand an hour." And I replied, "Where do I sign up?" I needed that money.

#### Does that mean we can put you on the record as saying that you have the most beautiful hands in WWE?

Yes, but they are also very, very dangerous hands. Print that, too. 🎱



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## Rey Mysterio's 619

The first time you see Rey execute his balletic finisher, you almost don't know what you're looking at-it's an intricate maneuver with more moving parts than a Swiss watch. With his opponent draped over the middle rope, Rey bounces across the ring and weaves through the strands with gymnastic precision and speed. And, if all goes well, his boots make contact with his foe's face. "Rey's 619 is like a right-handed batter taking a swing at you with a baseball bat," Evan Bourne explains. "He gathers all that momentum and then whips his legs around, so that when it connects, it's just shins to face. You know how Rey always has those cool boots? Well, if you're caught in the ropes, you get up close and personal with them. You only see them for a second, though. Then it's lights out."

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